

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

TAX/GASOLINE TAX: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the dedication of proceeds of the tax levied on motor fuels

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DIGEST

Present constitution establishes the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) as a special treasury fund and requires that all state taxes levied on gasoline and motor fuels be deposited annually into the fund. The current state excise taxes on gasoline and motor fuels total 20¢ per gallon. Monies in the fund are used to provide for construction and maintenance of roads and bridges of the state and federal highway systems, the Statewide Flood-Control Program, ports, airports, transit, state police for traffic control purposes, and the Parish Transportation Fund.

Proposed constitution prohibits the use of any of the monies in the TTF from being used by state police for traffic control.

Proposed constitution establishes the "Construction Subfund" as a special subfund within the TTF and requires the avails of any new tax levied on gasoline, diesel, and special motor fuels that become effective on or after July 1, 2017, to be deposited in the subfund for use on direct costs associated with actual project delivery, construction, and maintenance of transportation and capital transit infrastructure projects of the state and local government.

Proposed constitution prohibits any monies in the subfund from being used by the Dept. of Transportation and Development for the payment of employee wages and related benefits or employee retirement benefits.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 14, 2017.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §27(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Change deposits into subfund from avails of new taxes enacted on or after July 1, 2017, to avails of new taxes effective on or after July 1, 2017.
2. Change the purposes of the use of the subfund to include project delivery and to apply to state and local transportation and capital infrastructure projects instead of roads and bridges.
3. Make technical changes.
4. Change ballot language.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the ballot language.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the reengrossed bill

1. Deletes the prohibition from the using of the subfund for any "administrative costs".
2. Adds a prohibition from using the fund for employee wages and related benefits or employee retirement benefits.
3. Changes the ballot language to reflect the foregoing committee amendments.