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HOUSE BILL NO. 483

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BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TAX/MOTOR VEHICLE: (Constitutional Amendment) Increases the motor vehicle license tax on private automobiles and establishes the Transportation and Infrastructure Growth of Economy through Roads (TIGER) Fund

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 5 and to enact Article VII, Section 10.13 of the 3 Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the motor vehicle license tax; to increase the 4 motor vehicle license tax on automobiles for private use; to establish the 5 Transportation and Infrastructure Growth of Economy through Roads (TIGER) 6 Fund; to provide for the deposit into, use, and investment of monies in the fund; to 7 provide for an effective date; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment 8 to the electors; and to provide for related matters. 9 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members 10 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of 11 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to 12 amend Article VII, Section 5 and to enact Article VII, Section 10.13 of the Constitution of 13 Louisiana, to read as follows: 14 §5. Motor Vehicle License Tax 15 Section 5. The legislature shall impose an annual license tax of not more 16 than one dollar per each one thousand dollars of actual value on automobiles for

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private use based on the actual value of the vehicle, as provided by law. However,

the annual license tax shall not be less than ten thirty dollars per automobile for

private use. On other motor vehicles, the legislature shall impose an annual license

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tax based upon carrying capacity, horsepower, value, weight, or any of these. After satisfying the requirements of Section 9(B) of this Article, and after satisfying pledges respecting that portion of the revenues attributable to the tax rates in effect at the time of such pledges for the payment of obligations for bonds or other evidences of indebtedness and upon the creation of a Transportation Trust Fund within this constitution, the revenues from an amount equal to thirty-four percent of the avails of the license tax on automobiles for private use shall be deposited therein into the Transportation Trust Fund, and an amount equal to sixty-six percent of the avails of the license tax on automobiles for private use shall be deposited into the Transportation and Infrastructure Growth of Economy through Roads Fund as created in Article VII, Section 10.13 of this constitution. In the event no such trust fund is established in this constitution, the revenues shall be used exclusively and solely as provided by law for the construction, maintenance, and safety of the federal and state system of roads and bridges, for the parish and municipal road systems, for the operations of the office of state police, Department of Public Safety and Corrections or its successor, and for the payment of any obligation for bonds issued or indebtedness incurred in connection with any of the foregoing, which bonds may be issued as revenue bonds under Article VII, Section 6(C) of this constitution, subject to existing pledges only as to that portion of the tax collections attributable to the rates in effect at the time of such pledges for the payment of any obligations for bonds or other evidences of indebtedness outstanding on the effective date of this Section. No parish or municipality may impose a license fee on motor vehicles.

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§10.13. Transportation and Infrastructure Growth of Economy through Roads Fund

Section 10.13.(A) The Transportation and Infrastructure Growth of Economy

through Roads Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "TIGER" Fund, is established in

the state treasury as a special fund to provide funding for engineering and

construction costs for completion of the highway projects provided for in Paragraph

(B) of this Section. After allocation of monies to the Bond Security and Redemption

1	Fund as required by Article VII, Section 9(B) of this constitution, the treasurer shall		
2	deposit in and credit to the TIGER Fund all remaining monies received from the		
3	avails of the annual tax levied on motor vehicle registration or licenses. Monies in		
4	the TIGER Fund shall be invested in the same manner as the state general fund, and		
5	all interest income on such investment shall be deposited into the TIGER Fund.		
6	B.(1) The treasurer shall make distributions from the TIGER Fund on the last		
7	day of December and June of each year. Monies appropriated from the TIGER Fund		
8	shall be used solely for construction and engineering costs associated with the		
9	following highway projects in the following amounts:		
10	(a) La. 42 Widening in Ascension Parish	\$20 million	
11	(b) I-10 Widening (Highland to LA 74) in		
12	Ascension Parish	\$90 million	
13	(c) I-49 North, Segment K in Caddo Parish	\$100 million	
14	(d) I-49 Connector I-20 to I-220 in Caddo Parish	\$15 million	
15	(e) Jimmy Davis Bridge in Bossier		
16	and Caddo Parishes	\$100 million	
17	(f) Cove Lane/ Nelson Rd. Corridor in		
18	Calcasieu Parish	\$80 million	
19	(g) I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge in Calcasieu		
20	<u>Parish</u>	\$80 million	
21	(h) US 84 Widening from US 425b to		
22	the West in Concordia Parish	\$20 million	
23	(i) I-10 Widening (I-110 to I-12) in East		
24	Baton Rouge Parish	\$300 million	
25	(j) Pecue Interchange at I-10 in East		
26	Baton Rouge Parish	\$35 million	
27	(k) Baton Rouge North Bypass in East		
28	Baton Rouge and Livingston Parishes	\$25 million	

1	(1) La. 408 Hooper Road in East	
2	Baton Rouge and Livingston Parishes	\$15 million
3	(m) US 90 Railroad Overpass in Iberia Parish	\$15 million
4	(n) La. 1 Rehabilitation/Reconstruction	
5	in Iberville Parish	\$10 million
6	(o) I-10 (Williams-Veterans) in Jefferson Parish	\$72 million
7	(p) I-10 (Loyola-Williams) in Jefferson Parish	\$14 million
8	(q) I-49 South (La. 88 to Airport) in	
9	Lafayette Parish	\$250 million
10	(r) Lafayette Bypass in Lafayette Parish	\$25 million
11	(s) La. 1 (Golden Meadow-Leesville)	
12	in Lafourche Parish	\$50 million
13	(t) Rough Edge Road Interchange in	
14	Lincoln Parish	\$60 million
15	(u) Juban Road (I-12 to US 190) in	
16	<u>Livingston Parish</u>	\$15 million
17	(v) Walker Interchange at I-12 in	
18	<u>Livingston Parish</u>	\$50 million
19	(w) Bastrop Bypass in Morehouse Parish	\$30 million
20	(x) Almonaster Bridge in Orleans Parish	\$40 million
21	(y) Ouachita River Bridge in Ouachita Parish	\$20 million
22	(z) La. 616 Widening in Ouachita Parish	\$25 million
23	(aa) Kansas Lane - Garrett Road	
24	Connector in Ouachita Parish	\$20 million
25	(bb) Kansas Lane Extension in Ouachita Parish	\$10 million
26	(cc) Belle Chasse Tunnel Replacement	
27	in Plaquemines Parish	\$55 million
28	(dd) Fort Buhlow Bridge in Rapides Parish	\$40 million

1 (ee) Widening LA 28 (End of 4-lane-Libuse) 2 in Rapides Parish \$30 million 3 (ff) St. Bernard Highway in St. Bernard Parish \$40 million 4 (gg) I-12 (US 11 - Northshore/ Airport Rd.) 5 in St. Tammany Parish \$55 million 6 (hh) La. 433 to US 11 in St. Tammany Parish \$40 million 7 (ii) La. 22 - Atalin (4L of 3L Sect.) in 8 \$10 million St. Tammany Parish 9 (jj) La. 311 (LA 664 - Savanne Rd.) in 10 Terrebonne Parish \$40 million 11 (kk) Farmerville Truck Route in Union Parish \$25 million 12 (ll) Abbeville Bypass in Vermillion Parish \$35 million (mm) US 171 Near Ft. Polk in Vernon Parish 13 \$15 million 14 (nn) Intercoastal Bridge in West Baton 15 Rouge Parish \$80 million 16 (oo) La. 531 Overpass in Webster Parish \$20 million 17 (pp) LA 156 Reconstruction in Winn Parish \$10 million 18 (2) Construction on projects provided for in this Paragraph shall begin or 19 shall be completed no later than January 1, 2017. No monies in the TIGER Fund 20 shall be used for administrative costs of the Department of Transportation and 21 Development. 22 (3) At the discretion of the secretary of the Department of Transportation and 23 Development, the Department of Transportation and Development may issue bonds 24 or any refunding bonds in accordance with law, or other indebtedness for 25 construction and completion of the projects enumerated in this Paragraph and 26 payable from the monies appropriated from the TIGER Fund; however, monies in 27 the TIGER Fund shall not be used to secure any debt issued for purposes other than 28 those provided for in this Paragraph. In any year in which the balance of the monies 29 in the TIGER Fund exceeds two hundred million dollars, notwithstanding the

1	provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Section, the amount of monies in excess of two
2	hundred million dollars shall be used solely to pay debt service on any bonds or
3	indebtedness secured by monies in the fund.
4	Section 2. Be it further resolved that the provisions of this amendment shall become
5	effective on January 1, 2012.
6	Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
7	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 22,
8	2011.
9	Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
10	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
11	to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
12	read as follows:
13	To increase the minimum motor vehicle license tax for automobiles for
14	private use; to establish the Transportation and Infrastructure Growth of
15	Economy through Roads (TIGER) Fund; to provide for the use of the monies
16	in the fund. (January 1, 2012) (Amends Article VII, Section 5; Adds Article
17	VII, Section 10.13)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the minimum annual license tax on automobiles for private use <u>from</u> \$10 to \$30, creates the Transportation and Infrastructure Growth of Economy through Roads (TIGER) Fund, and specifies projects to be funded.

<u>Present constitution</u> authorizes the levy of an annual license tax on automobiles for private use of not less than \$1 for each \$1,000 of actual value. However, the minimum annual license tax shall not be less than \$10. <u>Present constitution</u> requires the avails of the annual license tax to be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> changes <u>present constitution</u> by increasing the minimum annual license tax <u>from</u> \$10 <u>to</u> \$30 and requiring 66% of the avails of the license tax on automobiles for private use to be deposited into the Transportation and Infrastructure Growth of Economy through Roads (TIGER) Fund.

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<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> establishes the Transportation and Infrastructure Growth of Economy through Roads Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "TIGER" Fund, as a special fund in the state treasury to provide funding for engineering and construction costs for completion of specific highway projects.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> requires the treasurer to deposit in and credit to the TIGER Fund all remaining monies received from the avails of the tax levied on motor vehicle licenses. Requires all monies in the TIGER Fund to be invested in the same manner as the state general fund, and all interest income on such investment shall be deposited into the TIGER Fund.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> restricts the monies in the TIGER Fund for construction and engineering costs associated with the following highway projects in the following amounts:

(1)	T 40 W'1 ' ' D '1	ΦΦΟ :11:
(1)	La. 42 Widening in Ascension Parish	\$20 million
(2)	I-10 Widening (Highland to LA 74) in Ascension Parish	\$90 million
(3)	I-49 North, Segment K in Caddo Parish	\$100 million
(4)	I-49 Connector I-20 to I-220 in Caddo Parish	\$15 million
(5)	Jimmy Davis Bridge in Caddo and Bossier Parishes	\$100 million
(6)	Cove Lane/ Nelson Rd. Corridor in Calcasieu Parish	\$80 million
(7)	I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge in Calcasieu Parish	\$80 million
(8)	US 84 Widening from US 425b to the West in	
` '	Concordia Parish	\$20 million
(9)	I-10 Widening (I-110 to I-12) in East Baton Rouge Parish	\$300 million
(10)	Pecue Interchange at I-10 in East Baton Rouge Parish	\$35 million
(11)	Baton Rouge North Bypass East Baton Rouge and	
` /	Livingston Parishes	\$25 million
(12)	La. 408 Hooper Road in East Baton Rouge and	
()	Livingston Parishes	\$15 million
(13)	US 90 Railroad Overpass in Iberia Parish	\$15 million
(14)	La. 1 Rehabilitation/Reconstruction in Iberville Parish	\$10 million
(15)	I-10 (Williams-Veterans) in Jefferson Parish	\$72 million
(16)	I-10 (Loyola-Williams) in Jefferson Parish	\$14 million
(17)	I-49 South (La. 88 to Airport) in Lafayette Parish	\$250 million
(18)	Lafayette Bypass in Lafayette Parish	\$25 million
(19)	La. 1 (Golden Meadow-Leesville) in Lafourche Parish	\$50 million
(20)	Rough Edge Road Interchange in Lincoln Parish	\$60 million
(21)	Juban Road (I-12 to US 190) in Livingston Parish	\$15 million
(21) (22)	Walker Interchange at I-12 in Livingston Parish	\$50 million
(23)	Bastrop Bypass in Morehouse Parish	\$30 million
(24)	Almonaster Bridge in Orleans Parish	\$40 million
(25)	Ouachita River Bridge in Ouachita Parish	\$20 million
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(31)	Widening LA 28 (End of 4-lane-Libuse) in Rapides Parish	
(32)	St. Bernard Highway in St. Bernard Parish	\$40 million
(33)	I-12 (US 11 - Northshore/ Airport Rd.) in St. Tammany	¢55 m:11: an
(24)	Parish	\$55 million
(34)	La. 433 to US 11 in St. Tammany Parish	\$40 million
(35)	La. 22 - Atalin (4L of 3L Sect.) in St. Tammany Parish	\$10 million
(36)	La. 311 (LA 664 - Savanne Rd.) in Terrebonne Parish	\$40 million
(37)	Farmerville Truck Route in Union Parish	\$25 million
(38)	Abbeville Bypass in Vermillion Parish	\$35 million
(39)	US 171 Near Ft. Polk in Vernon Parish	\$15 million

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(40) Intercoastal Bridge in West Baton Rouge Parish
 (41) La. 531 Overpass in Webster Parish
 (42) LA 156 Reconstruction in Winn Parish
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 \$10 million

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> requires construction projects to begin or be completed no later than Jan. 1, 2017. No monies in the TIGER Fund shall be used for administrative costs of the Dept. of Transportation and Development.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> authorizes the Dept. of Transportation and Development, at the discretion of the secretary to issue bonds or any refunding bonds in accordance with law for construction and completion of the projects payable from the monies appropriated from the TIGER Fund. However, no such monies shall be used to secure any debt issued for purposes other than those provided for in <u>proposed constitutional amendment</u>. In any year in which the balance of the monies in the TIGER Fund exceeds \$200 million, the amount of monies in excess of \$200 million shall be used solely to pay debt service on the bonds secured by monies in the fund.

Effective Jan. 1, 2012.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held October 22, 2011.

(Amends Const. Art. 7, §5; Adds Const. Art. 7, §10.13)