

SENATE BILL NO. 237—SENATORS RAGGIO AND TITUS

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN PERKINS AND HETTRICK

Referred to Committee on Taxation

SUMMARY—Carries out certain advisory questions relating to funding for regional transportation. (BDR 32-942)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to taxation; carrying out certain advisory questions relating to funding for regional transportation; revising the maximum rate, allocation or use of certain taxes for regional transportation; authorizing certain counties to impose additional taxes on motor vehicle fuel and to increase certain impact fees for new development; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 365.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 365.190 1. ~~{Subject to the provisions of subsection 3, in}~~ *In*
3 addition to any other tax provided for in this chapter, there is hereby
4 levied an excise tax of 1.75 cents per gallon on all motor vehicle
5 fuel, except aviation fuel.
6 2. The tax imposed pursuant to this section must be collected
7 by the supplier in the manner provided in this chapter. Upon the
8 collection of the tax by the supplier, the purchaser of the fuel shall
9 provide to the supplier a statement that sets forth the number of
10 gallons of fuel that will be sold to retailers in each county in this
11 state. The tax must be paid to the Department and delivered by the
12 Department to the State Treasurer. When the tax is paid to the



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1 Department, the supplier shall provide to the Department a copy of
2 the statement provided to the supplier by the purchaser pursuant to
3 this subsection.

4 ~~[3. The provisions of this section shall be deemed to be~~
5 ~~optional. The board of county commissioners of any county may~~
6 ~~decline to accept the additional tax levied pursuant to this section by~~
7 ~~the adoption of a resolution passed before July 1, 1947, which must~~
8 ~~be reconsidered and passed once each year within 60 days before~~
9 ~~July 1 of each year as long as the board of county commissioners~~
10 ~~desires so to act. Upon the adoption of such a resolution no tax may~~
11 ~~be collected.]~~

12 **Sec. 2.** NRS 365.545 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 365.545 1. The proceeds of all taxes on fuel for jet or
14 turbine-powered aircraft imposed pursuant to the provisions of NRS
15 365.170 or 365.203 must be deposited in the Account for Taxes on
16 Fuel for Jet or Turbine-Powered Aircraft in the State General Fund
17 and must be allocated monthly by the Department to the
18 governmental entity which owns the airport at which the tax was
19 collected ~~[]~~ or , if the airport is privately owned, to the county in
20 which the airport is located.

21 2. ~~[The money so received must]~~ *Except as otherwise provided*
22 *in subsection 3, the money allocated pursuant to subsection 1:*

23 (a) *Must* be used by the governmental entity receiving it to pay
24 the cost of:

25 ~~[(a)]~~ (1) Transportation projects related to airports, including
26 access on the ground to airports;

27 ~~[(b)]~~ ~~Payment~~

28 (2) *The payment* of principal and interest on notes, bonds or
29 other obligations incurred to fund projects described in ~~[paragraph~~
30 ~~(a);~~

31 ~~—(c)]~~ *subparagraph (1);*

32 (3) Promoting the use of an airport, including, without
33 limitation, increasing the number and availability of flights at the
34 airport;

35 ~~[(d)]~~ (4) Contributing money to the Trust Fund for Aviation
36 created by NRS 494.048; or

37 ~~[(e)]~~ (5) Any combination of those purposes ~~[~~

38 ~~3. Money so received may]; and~~

39 (b) *May* also be pledged for the payment of general or special
40 obligations issued to fund projects described in paragraph (a) . ~~[of~~
41 ~~subsection 2.~~

42 ~~—4.]~~ Any money pledged pursuant to ~~[the provisions of~~
43 ~~subsection 3]~~ *this paragraph* may be treated as pledged revenues of
44 the project for the purposes of subsection 3 of NRS 350.020.



1 3. Any money allocated pursuant to subsection 1 to a county
2 whose population is 400,000 or more and in which a regional
3 transportation commission has been created pursuant to chapter
4 373 of NRS, from the proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to
5 subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 365.170
6 on fuel for jet or turbine-powered aircraft sold, distributed or used
7 in that county, excluding the proceeds of any tax imposed
8 pursuant to NRS 365.203, may, in addition to the uses authorized
9 pursuant to subsection 2, be allocated by the county to that
10 regional transportation commission. The money allocated
11 pursuant to this subsection to a regional transportation
12 commission:

13 (a) Must be used by the regional transportation commission:

14 (1) To pay the cost of transportation projects described in a
15 regional plan for transportation established by that regional
16 transportation commission pursuant to NRS 373.1161;

17 (2) For the payment of principal and interest on notes,
18 bonds or other obligations incurred to fund projects described in
19 subparagraph (1); or

20 (3) For any combination of those purposes; and

21 (b) May also be pledged for the payment of general or special
22 obligations issued by the county at the request of the regional
23 transportation commission to fund projects described in
24 paragraph (a). Any money pledged pursuant to this paragraph
25 may be treated as pledged revenues of the project for the purposes
26 of subsection 3 of NRS 350.020.

27 **Sec. 3.** Chapter 373 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
28 thereto a new section to read as follows:

29 1. In a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less
30 than 400,000:

31 (a) The board may by ordinance impose:

32 (1) An excise tax on each gallon of motor vehicle fuel,
33 except aviation fuel, sold in the county in an amount equal to the
34 sum obtained by multiplying the amount of the tax imposed
35 pursuant to NRS 365.180 by the lesser of 4.5 percent or the
36 average percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for
37 West Urban Consumers for the preceding 5 years; and

38 (2) An annual increase in the tax imposed pursuant to
39 subparagraph (1), on the first day of each fiscal year following the
40 fiscal year in which that tax becomes effective, in an amount equal
41 to the sum of the tax imposed pursuant to NRS 365.180 and the
42 tax imposed pursuant to subparagraph (1) during the preceding
43 fiscal year, multiplied by the lesser of 4.5 percent or the average
44 percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for West
45 Urban Consumers for the preceding 5 years.



1 (b) *The board may by ordinance impose:*

2 (1) *An excise tax on each gallon of motor vehicle fuel,*
3 *except aviation fuel, sold in the county in an amount equal to the*
4 *sum obtained by multiplying the amount of the tax imposed*
5 *pursuant to NRS 365.190 by the lesser of 4.5 percent or the*
6 *average percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for*
7 *West Urban Consumers for the preceding 5 years; and*

8 (2) *An annual increase in the tax imposed pursuant to*
9 *subparagraph (1), on the first day of each fiscal year following the*
10 *fiscal year in which that tax becomes effective, in an amount equal*
11 *to the sum of the tax imposed pursuant to NRS 365.190 and the*
12 *tax imposed pursuant to subparagraph (1) during the preceding*
13 *fiscal year, multiplied by the lesser of 4.5 percent or the average*
14 *percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for West*
15 *Urban Consumers for the preceding 5 years.*

16 (c) *The board may by ordinance impose:*

17 (1) *An excise tax on each gallon of motor vehicle fuel,*
18 *except aviation fuel, sold in the county in an amount equal to the*
19 *sum obtained by multiplying the amount of the tax imposed*
20 *pursuant to NRS 365.192 by the lesser of 4.5 percent or the*
21 *average percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for*
22 *West Urban Consumers for the preceding 5 years; and*

23 (2) *An annual increase in the tax imposed pursuant to*
24 *subparagraph (1), on the first day of each fiscal year following the*
25 *fiscal year in which that tax becomes effective, in an amount equal*
26 *to the sum of the tax imposed pursuant to NRS 365.192 and the*
27 *tax imposed pursuant to subparagraph (1) during the preceding*
28 *fiscal year, multiplied by the lesser of 4.5 percent or the average*
29 *percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for West*
30 *Urban Consumers for the preceding 5 years.*

31 (d) *If the board imposes a tax pursuant to paragraph (b) of*
32 *subsection 1 of NRS 373.030, the board may by ordinance impose:*

33 (1) *An excise tax on each gallon of motor vehicle fuel,*
34 *except aviation fuel and leaded racing fuel, sold in the county in*
35 *an amount equal to the sum obtained by multiplying the amount*
36 *of the tax imposed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of*
37 *NRS 373.030 by the lesser of 4.5 percent or the average*
38 *percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for West*
39 *Urban Consumers for the preceding 5 years; and*

40 (2) *An annual increase in the tax imposed pursuant to*
41 *subparagraph (1), on the first day of each fiscal year following the*
42 *fiscal year in which that tax becomes effective, in an amount equal*
43 *to the sum of the tax imposed pursuant to paragraph (b) of*
44 *subsection 1 of NRS 373.030 and the tax imposed pursuant to*
45 *subparagraph (1) during the preceding fiscal year, multiplied by*



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1 *the lesser of 4.5 percent or the average percentage of increase in*
2 *the Consumer Price Index for West Urban Consumers for the*
3 *preceding 5 years.*

4 *2. Any ordinance authorized by this section may be adopted*
5 *in combination with any other ordinance authorized by this*
6 *section. Each tax imposed pursuant to this section is in addition to*
7 *any other motor vehicle fuel taxes imposed pursuant to the*
8 *provisions of this chapter and chapter 365 of NRS. Upon adoption*
9 *of an ordinance authorized by this section, no further action by*
10 *the board is necessary to effectuate the annual increases.*

11 *3. Any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section must:*

12 *(a) Become effective on the first day of the first calendar*
13 *quarter beginning not less than 90 days after the adoption of the*
14 *ordinance; and*

15 *(b) If the board has created a regional transportation*
16 *commission in the county, require the commission:*

17 *(1) To review, at a public meeting conducted after the*
18 *provision of public notice and before the effective date of each*
19 *annual increase imposed by the ordinance:*

20 *(I) The amount of that increase and the accuracy of its*
21 *calculation;*

22 *(II) The amounts of any annual increases imposed by*
23 *the ordinance in previous years and the revenue collected*
24 *pursuant to those increases;*

25 *(III) Any improvements to the regional system of*
26 *transportation resulting from revenue collected pursuant to any*
27 *annual increases imposed by the ordinance in previous years; and*

28 *(IV) Any other information relevant to the effect of the*
29 *annual increases on the public; and*

30 *(2) To submit to the board any information the commission*
31 *receives suggesting that the annual increase should be adjusted.*

32 *4. Any ordinance adopted pursuant to:*

33 *(a) Paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must:*

34 *(1) Require the allocation, disbursement and use in the*
35 *county of the proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to that*
36 *ordinance in the same proportions and manner as the allocation,*
37 *disbursement and use in the county of the proceeds of the tax*
38 *imposed pursuant to NRS 365.180; and*

39 *(2) Expire by limitation on the effective date of any*
40 *increase or decrease in the amount of the tax imposed pursuant to*
41 *NRS 365.180 which becomes effective after the adoption of that*
42 *ordinance.*

43 *(b) Paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must:*

44 *(1) Require the allocation, disbursement and use in the*
45 *county of the proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to that*



1 ordinance in the same proportions and manner as the allocation,
2 disbursement and use in the county of the proceeds of the tax
3 imposed pursuant to NRS 365.190; and

4 (2) Expire by limitation on the effective date of any
5 increase or decrease in the amount of the tax imposed pursuant to
6 NRS 365.190 which becomes effective after the adoption of that
7 ordinance.

8 (c) Paragraph (c) of subsection 1 must:

9 (1) Require the allocation, disbursement and use in the
10 county of the proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to that
11 ordinance in the same proportions and manner as the allocation,
12 disbursement and use in the county of the proceeds of the tax
13 imposed pursuant to NRS 365.192; and

14 (2) Expire by limitation on the effective date of any
15 increase or decrease in the amount of the tax imposed pursuant to
16 NRS 365.192 which becomes effective after the adoption of that
17 ordinance.

18 (d) Paragraph (d) of subsection 1 must:

19 (1) Require the allocation, disbursement and use in the
20 county of the proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to that
21 ordinance in the same proportions and manner as the allocation,
22 disbursement and use in the county of the proceeds of the tax
23 imposed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS
24 373.030; and

25 (2) Expire by limitation on the effective date of any
26 subsequent ordinance increasing or decreasing the amount of the
27 tax imposed in that county pursuant to paragraph (b) of
28 subsection 1 of NRS 373.030.

29 **Sec. 4.** NRS 373.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 373.070 Any motor vehicle fuel tax ordinance enacted under
31 this chapter must include provisions in substance as follows:

32 1. A provision imposing the additional excise tax and stating
33 the amount of the tax per gallon of fuel.

34 2. Provisions identical to those contained in chapter 365 of
35 NRS on the date of enactment of the ordinance, insofar as
36 applicable, except that the name of the county as taxing agency must
37 be substituted for that of the State and that an additional supplier's
38 license is not required.

39 3. A provision that all amendments to chapter 365 of NRS
40 subsequent to the date of enactment of the ordinance, not
41 inconsistent with this chapter, automatically become a part of the
42 motor vehicle fuel tax ordinance of the county.

43 4. A provision that the county shall contract ~~prior to~~ before
44 the effective date of the county motor vehicle fuel tax ordinance
45 with the Department to perform all functions incident to the



1 administration or operation of the motor vehicle fuel tax ordinance
2 of the county ~~[]~~, *including, if the ordinance is enacted pursuant*
3 *to section 3 of this act, the calculation of each annual increase in*
4 *the tax imposed pursuant to the ordinance.*

5 **Sec. 5.** NRS 373.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 373.075 Any ordinance amending ~~[the]~~ *a* motor fuel tax
7 ordinance *enacted pursuant to this chapter* shall include a
8 provision in substance that the county shall amend the contract
9 made under subsection 4 of NRS 373.070 by a contract made
10 between the county and the State acting by and through the
11 Department ~~[prior to]~~ *before* the effective date of such amendatory
12 ordinance, unless the county determines with the written
13 concurrence of the commission that no such amendment of the
14 contract is necessary or desirable.

15 **Sec. 6.** NRS 373.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 373.090 1. For the purpose of ~~[the]~~ *each* tax imposed by an
17 ordinance enacted pursuant to this chapter, motor vehicle fuel is sold
18 at the place where it is distributed from a terminal.

19 2. As used in this section, "terminal" has the meaning ascribed
20 to it in NRS 365.088.

21 **Sec. 7.** NRS 373.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 373.110 ~~[1. Except as provided in NRS 373.119, all]~~ *All the*
23 net proceeds of the county motor vehicle fuel tax :

24 *1. Imposed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS*
25 *373.030 or paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of section 3 of this act*
26 *which are* received by the county pursuant to NRS 373.080 ~~[shall]~~
27 *must, except as otherwise provided in NRS 373.119,* be deposited
28 by the county treasurer in a fund to be known as the regional street
29 and highway fund in the county treasury, and disbursed only in
30 accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

31 ~~[2.]~~ After July 1, 1975, the regional street and highway fund
32 must be accounted for as a separate fund and not as a part of any
33 other fund.

34 *2. Imposed pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection*
35 *1 of section 3 of this act which are received by the county pursuant*
36 *to NRS 373.080 must be allocated, disbursed and used as provided*
37 *in the ordinance imposing the tax.*

38 **Sec. 8.** NRS 373.119 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 373.119 1. Except to the extent pledged before July 1, 1985,
40 the board may use that portion of the revenue collected pursuant to
41 the provisions of this chapter *from any taxes imposed pursuant to*
42 *paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 373.030 or paragraph (d) of*
43 *subsection 1 of section 3 of this act* that represents collections from
44 the sale of fuel for use in boats at marinas in the county to make
45 capital improvements or to conduct programs to encourage safety in



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1 boating. If the county does not control a body of water, where an
2 improvement or program is appropriate, the board may contract with
3 an appropriate person or governmental organization for the
4 improvement or program.

5 2. Each marina shall report monthly to the Department
6 the number of gallons of motor vehicle fuel sold for use in boats.
7 The report must be made on or before the 25th day of each month
8 for sales during the preceding month.

9 **Sec. 9.** NRS 373.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 373.130 1. Money for the payment of the cost of a project
11 within the area embraced by a regional plan for transportation
12 established pursuant to NRS 373.1161 may be obtained by the
13 issuance of revenue bonds and other revenue securities as provided
14 in subsection 2, or, subject to any pledges, liens and other
15 contractual limitations made pursuant to the provisions of this
16 chapter, may be obtained by direct distribution from the regional
17 street and highway fund, except to the extent any such use is
18 prevented by the provisions of NRS 373.150, or may be obtained
19 both by the issuance of such securities and by such direct
20 distribution, as the board may determine. Money for street and
21 highway construction outside the area embraced by the plan may be
22 distributed directly from the regional street and highway fund as
23 provided in NRS 373.150.

24 2. The board may, after the enactment of an ordinance as
25 authorized by *paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of* NRS 373.030 ~~or~~
26 *paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of section 3 of this act*, issue revenue
27 bonds and other revenue securities, on the behalf and in the name of
28 the county:

29 (a) The total of all of which, issued and outstanding at any one
30 time, must not be in an amount requiring a total debt service in
31 excess of the estimated receipts to be derived from the ~~tax~~ *taxes*
32 imposed pursuant to the provisions of *paragraph (b) of subsection 1*
33 *of* NRS 373.030 ~~or~~ *and paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of section 3*
34 *of this act*;

35 (b) Which must not be general obligations of the county or a
36 charge on any real estate therein; and

37 (c) Which may be secured as to principal and interest by a
38 pledge authorized by this chapter of the receipts from the motor
39 vehicle fuel taxes designated in this chapter, except such portion of
40 the receipts as may be required for the direct distributions
41 authorized by NRS 373.150.

42 3. A county is authorized to issue bonds without the necessity
43 of their being authorized at any election in such manner and with
44 such terms as provided in this chapter.



1 4. Subject to the provisions of this chapter, for any project
2 authorized therein, the board of any county may, on the behalf and
3 in the name of the county, borrow money, otherwise become
4 obligated, and evidence obligations by the issuance of bonds and
5 other county securities, and in connection with the undertaking or
6 project, the board may otherwise proceed as provided in the Local
7 Government Securities Law.

8 5. All such securities constitute special obligations payable
9 from the net receipts of the motor vehicle fuel taxes designated in
10 this chapter except as otherwise provided in NRS 373.150, and the
11 pledge of revenues to secure the payment of the securities must be
12 limited to ~~the~~ *those* net receipts.

13 6. Except for:

14 (a) Any notes or warrants which are funded with the proceeds of
15 interim debentures or bonds;

16 (b) Any interim debentures which are funded with the proceeds
17 of bonds;

18 (c) Any temporary bonds which are exchanged for definitive
19 bonds;

20 (d) Any bonds which are reissued or which are refunded; and

21 (e) The use of any profit from any investment and reinvestment
22 for the payment of any bonds or other securities issued pursuant to
23 the provisions of this chapter,

24 all bonds and other securities issued pursuant to the provisions of
25 this chapter must be payable solely from the proceeds of motor
26 vehicle fuel taxes collected by or remitted to the county pursuant to
27 chapter 365 of NRS, as supplemented by this chapter. Receipts of
28 the taxes levied in NRS 365.180 and 365.190 *and pursuant to*
29 *paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1 of section 3 of this act* may
30 be used by the county for the payment of securities issued pursuant
31 to the provisions of this chapter and may be pledged therefor. If
32 during any period any securities payable from these tax proceeds are
33 outstanding, the tax receipts must not be used directly for the
34 construction, maintenance and repair of any streets, roads or other
35 highways nor for any purchase of equipment therefor, and the
36 receipts of the tax levied in NRS 365.190 must not be apportioned
37 pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 365.560 unless, at any time the tax
38 receipts are so apportioned, provision has been made in a timely
39 manner for the payment of such outstanding securities as to the
40 principal of, any prior redemption premiums due in connection with,
41 and the interest on the securities as they become due, as provided in
42 the securities, the ordinance authorizing their issuance, and any
43 other instrument appertaining to the securities.

44 7. The ordinance authorizing the issuance of any bond or other
45 revenue security hereunder must describe the purpose for which it is



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1 issued at least in general terms and may describe the purpose in
2 detail. This section does not require the purpose so stated to be set
3 forth in the detail in which the project approved by the commission
4 pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 373.140 is stated, or prevent the
5 modification by the board of details as to the purpose stated in the
6 ordinance authorizing the issuance of any bond or other security
7 after its issuance, subject to approval by the commission of the
8 project as so modified.

9 **Sec. 10.** NRS 373.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 373.140 1. After the enactment of an ordinance as authorized
11 in NRS 373.030, all street and highway construction, surfacing or
12 resurfacing projects in the county which are proposed to be financed
13 from ~~the~~ a county motor vehicle fuel tax *imposed pursuant to*
14 *paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 373.030 or paragraph (d) of*
15 *subsection 1 of section 3 of this act* must first be submitted to the
16 regional transportation commission.

17 2. ~~[Where]~~ *If* the project is within the area covered by a
18 regional plan for transportation established pursuant to NRS
19 373.1161, the commission shall evaluate it in terms of:

- 20 (a) The priorities established by the plan;
21 (b) The relation of the proposed work to other projects already
22 constructed or authorized;
23 (c) The relative need for the project in comparison with others
24 proposed; and
25 (d) The money available.

26 If the commission approves the project, the board may authorize the
27 project, using all or any part of the proceeds of the county motor
28 vehicle fuel tax authorized ~~[by this chapter,]~~ *pursuant to paragraph*
29 *(b) of subsection 1 of NRS 373.030 or paragraph (d) of subsection*
30 *1 of section 3 of this act*, except to the extent any such use is
31 prevented by the provisions for direct distribution required by NRS
32 373.150 or is prevented by any pledge to secure the payment of
33 outstanding bonds, other securities or other obligations incurred
34 hereunder, and other contractual limitations appertaining to such
35 obligations as authorized by NRS 373.160, and the proceeds of
36 revenue bonds or other securities issued or to be issued as provided
37 in NRS 373.130. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if
38 the board authorizes the project, the responsibilities for letting
39 construction and other necessary contracts, contract administration,
40 supervision and inspection of work and the performance of other
41 duties related to the acquisition of the project must be specified in
42 written agreements executed by the board and the governing bodies
43 of the cities and towns within the area covered by a regional plan for
44 transportation established pursuant to NRS 373.1161.



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1 3. In a county in which two or more governmental entities are
2 represented on the commission, the governing bodies of those
3 governmental entities may enter into a written master agreement that
4 allows a written agreement described in subsection 2 to be executed
5 by only the commission and the governmental entity that receives
6 funding for the approved project. The provisions of a written master
7 agreement must not be used until the governing body of each
8 governmental entity represented on the commission ratifies the
9 written master agreement.

10 4. ~~[Where]~~ *If* the project is outside the area covered by a plan,
11 the commission shall evaluate it in terms of:

12 (a) Its relation to the regional plan for transportation established
13 pursuant to NRS 373.1161 if any;

14 (b) The relation of the proposed work to other projects
15 constructed or authorized;

16 (c) The relative need for the proposed work in relation to others
17 proposed by the same city or town; and

18 (d) The availability of money.

19 If the commission approves the project, the board shall direct the
20 county treasurer to distribute the sum approved to the city or town
21 requesting the project, in accordance with NRS 373.150.

22 5. In counties whose population is less than 100,000, the
23 commission shall certify the adoption of the plan in compliance with
24 subsections 2 and 4.

25 **Sec. 11.** NRS 373.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 373.160 1. The ordinance or ordinances providing for the
27 issuance of any bonds or other securities issued hereunder payable
28 from the receipts from the motor vehicle fuel excise taxes herein
29 designated may at the discretion of the board, in addition to
30 covenants and other provisions authorized in the Local Government
31 Securities Law, contain covenants or other provisions as to the
32 pledge of and the creation of a lien upon the receipts of the ~~[tax]~~
33 *taxes* collected for the county ~~hereunder~~ *() pursuant to paragraph*
34 *(b) of subsection 1 of NRS 373.030 and paragraph (d) of*
35 *subsection 1 of section 3 of this act*, excluding any tax proceeds to
36 be distributed directly under the provisions of NRS 373.150 , ~~()~~
37 the proceeds of the bonds or other securities pending their
38 application to defray the cost of the project, or both such tax
39 proceeds and security proceeds, to secure the payment of revenue
40 bonds or other securities issued hereunder.

41 2. If the board determines in any ordinance authorizing the
42 issuance of any bonds or other securities hereunder that the proceeds
43 of the ~~[tax]~~ *taxes* levied and collected pursuant to ~~[the County Motor~~
44 ~~Vehicle Fuel Tax Law]~~ *paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS*
45 *373.030 and paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of section 3 of this act*



1 are sufficient to pay all bonds and securities, including the proposed
2 issue, from the proceeds thereof, the board may additionally secure
3 the payment of any bonds or other securities issued pursuant to *the*
4 ordinance hereunder by a pledge of and the creation of a lien upon
5 not only the proceeds of any motor *vehicle* fuel tax authorized at the
6 time of the issuance of such securities to be used for such payment
7 in subsection 6 of NRS 373.130, but also the proceeds of any such
8 tax thereafter authorized to be used or pledged, or used and pledged
9, for the payment of such securities, whether such tax be levied or
10 collected by the county, the State of Nevada, or otherwise, or be
11 levied in at least an equivalent value in lieu of any such tax existing
12 at the time of the issuance of such securities or be levied in
13 supplementation thereof.

14 3. The pledges and liens authorized by subsections 1 and 2 ~~of~~
15 ~~this section shall~~ extend to the proceeds of any tax collected for use
16 by the county on any motor vehicle fuel so long as any bonds or
17 other securities issued hereunder remain outstanding and ~~shall not~~
18 ~~be~~ *are not* limited to any type or types of motor vehicle fuel in use
19 when the bonds or other securities ~~shall be~~ *are* issued.

20 **Sec. 12.** NRS 377A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 377A.020 1. The board of county commissioners of ~~any~~ :

22 (a) *Any* county may enact an ordinance imposing a tax for a
23 public transit system, ~~or~~ for the construction, maintenance and
24 repair of public roads, *for the improvement of air quality* or ~~both,~~
25 *for any combination of those purposes* pursuant to NRS 377A.030.
26 ~~[The board of county commissioners of any]~~

27 (b) *Any* county whose population is less than 400,000 may enact
28 an ordinance imposing a tax to promote tourism pursuant to
29 NRS 377A.030.

30 2. An ordinance enacted pursuant to this chapter may not
31 become effective before a question concerning the imposition of the
32 tax is approved by a majority of the registered voters of the county
33 voting upon the question which the board may submit to the voters
34 at any general election. A county may combine the questions for a
35 public transit system, ~~and~~ for the construction, maintenance and
36 repair of public roads *and for the improvement of air quality* with
37 questions submitted pursuant to NRS 244.3351, 278.710 or 371.045,
38 or any combination thereof. The board shall also submit to the
39 voters at a general election any proposal to increase the rate of the
40 tax or change the previously approved uses for the proceeds of
41 the tax.

42 3. Any ordinance enacted pursuant to this section must specify
43 the date on which the tax must first be imposed or on which an
44 increase in the rate of the tax becomes effective, which must not be



1 earlier than the first day of the second calendar month following the
2 approval of the question by the voters.

3 **Sec. 13.** NRS 377A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 377A.030 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 377A.110, any
5 ordinance enacted under this chapter must include provisions in
6 substance as follows:

7 1. A provision imposing a tax upon retailers at the rate of not
8 more than:

9 (a) For a tax to promote tourism, one-quarter of 1 percent; or

10 (b) For a tax to establish and maintain a public transit system ,
11 ~~for~~ for the construction, maintenance and repair of public roads, *for*
12 *the improvement of air quality* or ~~both,~~ *for any combination of*
13 *those purposes*, one-half of 1 percent,

14 of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible
15 personal property sold at retail, or stored, used or otherwise
16 consumed, in a county.

17 2. Provisions substantially identical to those contained in
18 chapter 374 of NRS, insofar as applicable.

19 3. A provision that all amendments to chapter 374 of NRS after
20 the date of enactment of the ordinance, not inconsistent with this
21 chapter, automatically become a part of ~~[an ordinance imposing the~~
22 ~~tax for public mass transportation and construction of public roads~~
23 ~~or the tax to promote tourism in the county.]~~ *the ordinance.*

24 4. A provision that the county shall contract before the
25 effective date of the ordinance with the Department to perform all
26 functions incident to the administration or operation of the tax in the
27 county.

28 5. A provision that exempts from the tax or any increase in the
29 tax the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use or other
30 consumption in a county of, tangible personal property used for the
31 performance of a written contract for the construction of an
32 improvement to real property, entered into on or before the effective
33 date of the tax or the increase in the tax, or for which a binding bid
34 was submitted before that date if the bid was afterward accepted, if
35 under the terms of the contract or bid the contract price or bid
36 amount cannot be adjusted to reflect the imposition of the tax or the
37 increase in the tax.

38 **Sec. 14.** NRS 377A.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 377A.070 1. The county treasurer shall deposit the money
40 received from the State Controller pursuant to NRS 377A.050 for a
41 public transit system , ~~for~~ for the construction, maintenance and
42 repair of public roads, *for the improvement of air quality* or ~~both,~~
43 *for any combination of those purposes* in the county treasury for
44 credit to a fund to be known as the public transit fund.



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1 2. The public transit fund must be accounted for as a separate
2 fund and not as a part of any other fund.

3 **Sec. 15.** NRS 377A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 377A.080 1. In any county in which a tax for a public transit
5 system, ~~for~~ for the construction, maintenance and repair of public
6 roads, *for the improvement of air quality* or ~~both~~ *for any*
7 *combination of those purposes* has been imposed, the board shall
8 by ordinance create a regional transportation commission pursuant
9 to chapter 373 of NRS if one has not already been created under that
10 chapter. ~~Where~~ *If* a regional transportation commission has
11 already been created under that chapter, that commission may also
12 exercise the powers conferred by this section.

13 2. The regional transportation commission may:

14 (a) Appropriate money in the public transit fund accumulated by
15 a county to provide a public transit system for that county if the
16 system is included in a regional transportation plan adopted by the
17 regional transportation commission;

18 (b) Appropriate money to provide transportation or to support
19 agencies which are providing transportation for the elderly and
20 persons with disabilities, if the services are consistent with the
21 regional transportation plan;

22 (c) Provide for or perform all functions incident to the
23 administration and operation of the public transit system, including
24 the establishment of fares for the system; and

25 (d) Adopt regulations for the operation of systems or services
26 provided by the commission and for systems or services financed by
27 the commission and provided by an agency or a private contractor.

28 3. The commission may draw money out of the public transit
29 fund only for:

30 (a) The establishment and maintenance of a public transit
31 system for the county and for the support of other activities, services
32 and programs related to transportation which are included in a
33 regional transportation plan adopted by the commission;

34 (b) The construction, maintenance and repair of public roads;

35 (c) *The distribution of money to the local air pollution control*
36 *agency which administers the program established in the county*
37 *pursuant to NRS 445B.500, to support activities, services and*
38 *programs related to the improvement of air quality;*

39 (d) The payment of principal and interest on notes, bonds or
40 other securities issued to provide ~~funds~~ *money* for the cost of
41 projects described in paragraphs (a) ~~and (b); or~~

42 ~~—(d)~~ *, (b) and (c); or*

43 (e) Any combination of those purposes.



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1 **Sec. 16.** NRS 377A.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 377A.090 1. Money for the payment of the cost of
3 establishing and maintaining a public transit system , ~~{or}~~ for the
4 construction, maintenance and repair of public roads, *for the*
5 *improvement of air quality* or ~~{both,}~~ *for any combination of those*
6 *purposes* may be obtained by the issuance of bonds and other
7 securities as provided in subsection 2, or, subject to any pledges,
8 liens and other contractual limitations made pursuant to this chapter,
9 may be obtained by direct distribution from the public transit fund,
10 or may be obtained both by the issuance of such securities and by
11 such direct distribution as the board may determine.

12 2. The board may, after the enactment of an ordinance
13 ~~{imposing a tax for a public transit system or for the construction,~~
14 ~~maintenance and repair of public roads, or both, as}~~ authorized by
15 *paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of* NRS 377A.020, from time to time
16 issue bonds and other securities, which are general or special
17 obligations of the county and which may be secured as to principal
18 and interest by a pledge authorized by this chapter of the receipts
19 from the tax ~~{for a public transit system or for the construction,~~
20 ~~maintenance and repair of public roads, or both,}~~ *imposed by that*
21 *ordinance.*

22 3. The ordinance authorizing the issuance of any bond or other
23 security must describe the purpose for which it is issued.

24 **Sec. 17.** NRS 377A.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 377A.100 1. Each ordinance providing for the issuance of
26 any bond or security issued under this chapter payable from the
27 receipts of the tax ~~{for a public transit system or for the construction,~~
28 ~~maintenance and repair of public roads, or both,}~~ *imposed pursuant*
29 *to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 377A.030* may, in addition
30 to covenants and other provisions authorized in the Local
31 Government Securities Law, contain a covenant or other provision
32 to pledge and create a lien upon the receipts of the tax or upon the
33 proceeds of any bond or security pending their application to defray
34 the cost of establishing or operating a public transit system,
35 *constructing, maintaining or repairing public roads or improving*
36 *air quality*, or both tax proceeds and security proceeds, to secure the
37 payment of any bond or security issued under this chapter.

38 2. Any money pledged to the payment of bonds or other
39 securities pursuant to subsection 1 may be treated as pledged
40 revenues of the project for the purposes of subsection 3 of
41 NRS 350.020.

42 **Sec. 18.** NRS 377A.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 377A.110 1. Subject to the provisions of subsection 2, the
44 board may gradually reduce the amount of *any* tax imposed
45 pursuant to this chapter for a public transit system , ~~{or}~~ for the



1 construction, maintenance and repair of public roads, *for the*
2 *improvement of air quality* or ~~{both,}~~ *for any combination of those*
3 *purposes* as revenue from the operation of ~~{the public transit~~
4 ~~system}~~ *those projects* permits.

5 2. No such taxing ordinance may be repealed or amended or
6 otherwise directly or indirectly modified in such a manner as to
7 impair any outstanding bonds issued under this chapter, or other
8 obligations incurred under this chapter, until all obligations, for
9 which revenues from the ordinance have been pledged or otherwise
10 made payable from such revenues pursuant to this chapter, have
11 been discharged in full, but the board may at any time dissolve the
12 regional transportation commission and provide that no further
13 obligations be incurred thereafter.

14 **Sec. 19.** NRS 278.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 278.710 1. A board of county commissioners may by
16 ordinance, but not as in a case of emergency, impose a tax for the
17 improvement of transportation on the privilege of new residential,
18 commercial, industrial and other development pursuant to paragraph
19 (a) or (b) as follows:

20 (a) After receiving the approval of a majority of the registered
21 voters of the county voting on the question at a special election or
22 the next primary or general election, the board of county
23 commissioners may impose the tax throughout the county, including
24 any such development in incorporated cities in the county. A county
25 may combine this question with a question submitted pursuant to
26 NRS 244.3351, 371.045 or 377A.020, or any combination thereof.

27 (b) After receiving the approval of a majority of the registered
28 voters who reside within the boundaries of a transportation district
29 created pursuant to NRS 244A.252, voting on the question at a
30 special or general district election or primary or general state
31 election, the board of county commissioners may impose the tax
32 within the boundaries of the district. A county may combine this
33 question with a question submitted pursuant to NRS 244.3351.

34 2. A special election may be held only if the board of county
35 commissioners determines, by a unanimous vote, that an emergency
36 exists. The determination made by the board of county
37 commissioners is conclusive unless it is shown that the board acted
38 with fraud or a gross abuse of discretion. An action to challenge the
39 determination made by the board must be commenced within 15
40 days after the board's determination is final. As used in this
41 subsection, "emergency" means any unexpected occurrence or
42 combination of occurrences which requires immediate action by the
43 board of county commissioners to prevent or mitigate a substantial
44 financial loss to the county or to enable the board of county



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1 commissioners to provide an essential service to the residents of the
2 county.

3 3. The tax imposed pursuant to this section must be at such a
4 rate and based on such criteria and classifications as the board of
5 county commissioners determines to be appropriate. Each such
6 determination is conclusive unless it constitutes an arbitrary and
7 capricious abuse of discretion, but the tax imposed must not :

8 (a) *For any fiscal year beginning:*

9 (1) *Before July 1, 2003, exceed \$500 ;*

10 (2) *On or after July 1, 2003, and before July 1, 2005,*
11 *exceed \$650;*

12 (3) *On or after July 1, 2005, and before July 1, 2010,*
13 *exceed \$700;*

14 (4) *On or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2015,*
15 *exceed \$800;*

16 (5) *On or after July 1, 2015, and before July 1, 2020,*
17 *exceed \$900; or*

18 (6) *On or after July 1, 2020, exceed \$1,000,*

19 per single-family dwelling unit of new residential development, or
20 the equivalent thereof as determined by the board of county
21 commissioners ~~[, or 50 cents]~~ ; or

22 (b) *For any fiscal year beginning:*

23 (1) *Before July 1, 2003, \$0.50;*

24 (2) *On or after July 1, 2003, and before July 1, 2005,*
25 *exceed \$0.65;*

26 (3) *On or after July 1, 2005, and before July 1, 2010,*
27 *exceed \$0.75;*

28 (4) *On or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2015,*
29 *exceed \$0.80;*

30 (5) *On or after July 1, 2015, and before July 1, 2020,*
31 *exceed \$0.90; or*

32 (6) *On or after July 1, 2020, exceed \$1.00,*

33 per square foot on other new development.

34 4. If so provided in ~~[the ordinance,]~~ *an ordinance adopted*
35 *pursuant to this section,* a newly developed lot for a mobile home
36 must be considered a single-family dwelling unit of new residential
37 development.

38 ~~[4.]~~ 5. The tax imposed pursuant to this section must be
39 collected before the time a certificate of occupancy for a building or
40 other structure constituting new development is issued, or at such
41 other time as is specified in the ordinance imposing the tax. If so
42 provided in the ordinance, no certificate of occupancy may be issued
43 by any local government unless proof of payment of the tax is filed
44 with the person authorized to issue the certificate of occupancy.
45 Collection of the tax imposed pursuant to this section must not



1 commence earlier than the first day of the second calendar month
2 after adoption of the ordinance imposing the tax.

3 ~~5.1~~ 6. In a county in which a tax has been imposed pursuant to
4 paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the revenue derived from the tax must
5 be used exclusively to pay the cost of:

6 (a) Projects related to the construction and maintenance of
7 sidewalks, streets, avenues, boulevards, highways and other public
8 rights-of-way used primarily for vehicular traffic, including, without
9 limitation, overpass projects, street projects and underpass projects,
10 as defined in NRS 244A.037, 244A.053 and 244A.055,
11 respectively:

12 (1) Within the boundaries of the county;

13 (2) Within 1 mile outside the boundaries of the county if the
14 board of county commissioners finds that such projects outside
15 the boundaries of the county will facilitate transportation within the
16 county; or

17 (3) Within 30 miles outside the boundaries of the county and
18 the boundaries of this state, where those boundaries are
19 coterminous, if:

20 (I) The projects consist of improvements to a highway
21 which is located wholly or partially outside the boundaries of this
22 state and which connects this state to an interstate highway; and

23 (II) The board of county commissioners finds that such
24 projects will provide a significant economic benefit to the county;

25 (b) The principal and interest on notes, bonds or other
26 obligations incurred to fund projects described in paragraph (a); or

27 (c) Any combination of those uses.

28 ~~6.1~~ 7. In a transportation district in which a tax has been
29 imposed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the revenue
30 derived from the tax must be used exclusively to pay the cost of:

31 (a) Projects related to the construction and maintenance of
32 sidewalks, streets, avenues, boulevards, highways and other public
33 rights-of-way used primarily for vehicular traffic, including, without
34 limitation, overpass projects, street projects and underpass projects,
35 as defined in NRS 244A.037, 244A.053 and 244A.055, respectively,
36 within the boundaries of the district or within such a distance
37 outside those boundaries as is stated in the ordinance imposing the
38 tax, if the board of county commissioners finds that such projects
39 outside the boundaries of the district will facilitate transportation
40 within the district;

41 (b) The principal and interest on notes, bonds or other
42 obligations incurred to fund projects described in paragraph (a); or

43 (c) Any combination of those uses.

44 ~~7.1~~ 8. The county may expend the proceeds of the tax
45 authorized by this section, or any borrowing in anticipation of the



1 tax, pursuant to an interlocal agreement between the county and
2 the regional transportation commission of the county with respect to
3 the projects to be financed with the proceeds of the tax.

4 ~~[8.]~~ 9. The provisions of chapter 278B of NRS and any action
5 taken pursuant to that chapter do not limit or in any other way apply
6 to any tax imposed pursuant to this section.

7 **Sec. 20.** Chapter 278B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
8 thereto a new section to read as follows:

9 *1. The governing body of a local government which imposes
10 an impact fee to pay the cost of constructing a street project may
11 include a provision in the ordinance imposing the impact fee or
12 adopt a separate ordinance providing that each year in which the
13 governing body does not adopt any revisions to the land use
14 assumptions or capital improvements plan or otherwise increase
15 the impact fee, the current amount of the impact fee is
16 cumulatively increased:*

17 *(a) By a percentage equal to the average percentage of
18 increase in the Consumer Price Index for West Urban Consumers
19 for the preceding 5 years; or*

20 *(b) By 4.5 percent,
21 whichever is less.*

22 *2. Upon inclusion of a provision in the ordinance imposing
23 the impact fee or the adoption of a separate ordinance authorized
24 by subsection 1, no further action by the governing body is
25 necessary to effectuate the annual increases.*

26 *3. Each increase authorized pursuant to this section becomes
27 effective 1 year after:*

28 *(a) The date upon which the impact fee initially becomes
29 effective;*

30 *(b) The date the governing body adopts a revised capital
31 improvements plan; or*

32 *(c) The effective date of any previous increase in the impact
33 fee pursuant to this section,
34 whichever occurs last.*

35 **Sec. 21.** NRS 278B.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 278B.230 1. The impact fee per service unit, *excluding the*
37 *amount of any increase authorized pursuant to section 20 of this*
38 *act*, must not exceed the amount determined by dividing the costs of
39 the capital improvements described in subsection 3 of NRS
40 278B.170 by the total number of projected service units described in
41 subsection 6 of NRS 278B.170.

42 2. If the number of new service units projected over a period is
43 less than the total number of new service units shown by the
44 approved land use assumptions at full development of the service
45 area, the maximum impact fee which may be charged per service



1 unit, *excluding the amount of any increase authorized pursuant to*
2 *section 20 of this act*, must be calculated by dividing the costs of the
3 part of the capital improvements required by the new service units
4 described in subsection 7 of NRS 278B.170 by the projected new
5 service units described in that subsection.

6 3. The impact fee may be collected at the same time as the fee
7 for issuance of a building permit for the service unit or at the time a
8 certificate of occupancy is issued for the service unit, as specified in
9 the ordinance.

10 **Sec. 22.** 1. The approval by the voters on November 5, 2002,
11 of Advisory Question No. 10, concerning transportation, on the
12 2002 general election ballot for Clark County shall be deemed to
13 constitute approval by the voters of the taxes authorized by the
14 provisions of NRS 278.710, as amended by this act, and paragraph
15 (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 377A.030, as amended by this act. No
16 other approval by the voters is required for the imposition of those
17 taxes in Clark County, including its incorporated cities, at the
18 following rates:

19 (a) Pursuant to NRS 278.710:

20 (1) For each fiscal year beginning:

21 (I) On or after July 1, 2003, and before July 1, 2005,
22 \$650;

23 (II) On or after July 1, 2005, and before July 1, 2010,
24 \$700;

25 (III) On or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2015,
26 \$800;

27 (IV) On or after July 1, 2015, and before July 1, 2020,
28 \$900; and

29 (V) On or after July 1, 2020, \$1,000,

30 per single-family dwelling of new residential development, or the
31 equivalent thereof as determined by the board of county
32 commissioners; and

33 (2) For each fiscal year beginning:

34 (I) On or after July 1, 2003, and before July 1, 2005,
35 \$0.65;

36 (II) On or after July 1, 2005, and before July 1, 2010,
37 \$0.75;

38 (III) On or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2015,
39 \$0.80;

40 (IV) On or after July 1, 2015, and before July 1, 2020,
41 \$0.90; and

42 (V) On or after July 1, 2020, \$1.00,

43 per square foot on other new development; and

44 (b) Pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 377A.030:



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1 (1) One-half of 1 percent of the gross receipts of any retailer
2 from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail, or
3 stored, used or otherwise consumed in the county, until:

4 (I) The last day of the fiscal year during which the
5 Department of Taxation determines that the cumulative total
6 proceeds of the tax imposed at that rate equal or exceed \$1.7 billion;
7 or

8 (II) June 30, 2028,
9 whichever occurs earlier; and

10 (2) Three-eighths of 1 percent of the gross receipts of any
11 retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail,
12 or stored, used or otherwise consumed in the county, during each
13 subsequent fiscal year.

14 2. The approval by the voters on November 5, 2002, of
15 Advisory Question No. 2, concerning transportation, on the 2002
16 general election ballot for Washoe County shall be deemed to
17 constitute approval by the voters of an increase in the rate of the tax
18 imposed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS
19 377A.030, as amended by this act, to three-eighths of 1 percent of
20 the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible
21 personal property sold at retail, or stored, used or otherwise
22 consumed in the county. No other approval by the voters is required
23 for the imposition of that increase in the rate of that tax in Washoe
24 County, including its incorporated cities.

25 3. If at any time after November 5, 2002, and before the
26 effective date of this act, another county obtains approval by the
27 voters of a measure which complies with the provisions of NRS
28 278.710 for the tax authorized by that section, as amended by this
29 act, that approval shall be deemed to constitute approval of the tax
30 specified on the ballot and no other approval by the voters is
31 required for imposition of that tax at the rate or rates specified on
32 that ballot.

33 **Sec. 23.** If any provision of this act, or the application thereof
34 to any person, thing or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity
35 does not affect the provisions or applications of this act which can
36 be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to
37 this end the provisions of this act are hereby declared to be
38 severable.

39 **Sec. 24.** This act becomes effective upon passage and
40 approval.

