Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB2105

BIII Subtitle: AMEND THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION LAW TO REFLECT THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT 91 TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION; AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE TEXT OF AMENDMENT 91 BE PRINTED IN THE ARKANSAS CODE.

Basic Change:

Representative Barnett

This bill amends the Arkansas Highway Revenue Distribution Law under Arkansas Code § 27-70-207 to reflect the adoption of Amendment 91 to the Arkansas Constitution. It also requires the Arkansas Code Revision Commission to direct the publisher of the Arkansas Code to print the text of Amendment 91 to the Arkansas Constitution in the Arkansas Code. Amendment 91 was passed in the November 2012 election.

Revenue Impact :

None

Taxpayer Impact :

None

Resources Required:

None

Time Required:

None

<u>Procedural Changes:</u>

None

Legal Analysis :

HB2105 codifies language from Amendment 91 in the Highway Revenue Distribution Law. Section 20 of Amendment 91 to the Arkansas Constitution requires the Department of Finance and Administration to deposit a total of one cent (1¢) per gallon from revenues distributed under the Arkansas Highway Revenue Distribution Law from the proceeds derived from existing motor fuel taxes and distillate fuel taxes, and to permanently dedicate the revenues to the State Aid Street Fund created under Ark. Code Ann. § 27-72-407.

HB2105 amends Ark. Code Ann. § 27-70-207 (which concerns the distribution of highway revenues to county and city funds) to include the language of Section 20 of Amendment 91. The bill also requires the Arkansas Code Revision Commission to direct the publisher of the Arkansas Code to print the text of Amendment 91 in the Appendix to Title 19 of the Code.

The bill does not direct a distribution of revenues in any way that is not currently required under Arkansas law.

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