

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-184

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REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON REVENUE AND TAXATION STUDY THE EQUITY OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES COLLECTED AND REMITTED TO THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS IN ARKANSAS; AND REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON REVENUE AND TAXATION STUDY THE MOTOR FUELS TAX STRUCTURE TO PROPOSE A SALES TAX ON GASOLINE.

WHEREAS, Arkansas has recorded unprecedented growth in population and industry in certain areas of the state that disproportionately burden the existing highway system; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Arkansas motorists utilize a minority of Arkansas highway miles; and

WHEREAS, the current allocation of the excise tax on motor fuel for the financing of highway projects does not account for traffic flow, traffic count, and highway use,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE 86TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House and Senate Interim Committees on Revenue and Taxation study Arkansas highway construction and repair costs to determine the disparity, if any, in Arkansas highway construction and repair costs based on the topography, highway use, and traffic count.

BE IF FURTHER PROPOSED that the House and Senate Interim Committees on Revenue and Taxation study the equity of the distribution of taxes collected and remitted to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for Arkansas highway construction and repair; and

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BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the House and Senate Interim Committees on Taxation and Revenue study the feasibility of collecting a sales tax on gasoline and reallocating the tax proportionally according to costs of construction and repair, highway use, and traffic count; and

BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the House and Senate Interim Committee on Taxation and Revenue prepare a report detailing the results of the study on or before May 31, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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