FUNDING NEVADA'S PRIORITIES ACT

Explanation: Language in bold italics is new; language between brackets [omitted material] is language to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS

Section 1. Article 10 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section 7, to read as follows:

- Sec. 7 1. Any revenue generated from a county or city license fee and license tax that is collected in a county whose population is 800,000 or more, and collected for or by the county fair and recreation board within that county that exceeds the total amount of revenue collected for or by the county fair and recreation board in any such county pursuant to applicable law for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, but adjusted annually pursuant to subsection 2 for changes in inflation and deflation, shall be distributed as provided in subsection 4.
- 2. For the purposes of subsection 1 of this section, percentage rates of inflation or deflation must be determined in accordance with the Consumer Price Index U.S. City Average (All Items) published by the United States Department of Labor for the preceding calendar year. If such Consumer Price Index is no longer published by the United States Department of Labor, the Legislature shall designate the most comparable index available for the purposes of this section.
- 3. There is hereby created a special revenue fund in the state treasury to be called the Nevada Public Safety Fund. The money in the Nevada Public Safety Fund may be appropriated by the Legislature only for the purpose of enhancing the public safety of the State of Nevada and its residents, including expenditures for law enforcement, homeland security, fire protection, or corrections, and grants to local police departments, fire departments, or sheriff's offices for similar purposes.
- 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the city, county or the county fair and recreation board shall pay over all revenue as described in subsection 1 to the State Treasurer to be deposited one-third to the credit of the Distributive School Account in the State General Fund, to be held and expended exclusively for educational purposes in the same manner as other money deposited in that account, one-third to the State Highway Fund to be held and expended exclusively for transportation purposes in the same manner as other money deposited in that fund, and one-third to the Nevada Public Safety Fund.
- 5. The city, county or the county fair and recreation board shall pay over the revenue described in subsection 1 to the State Treasurer annually, on the last business day of the month following the end of the fiscal year.
- Sec. 2. Severability. If any provision of this initiative measure or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or ineffective, the invalidity or ineffectiveness shall be given the narrowest possible construction and shall not affect any other provision or application of this measure.



DESCRIPTION OF EFFECT

This initiative amends the Nevada Constitution to assist in funding the public school system, transportation projects, and public safety by dedicating to the Distributive School Account in the State General Fund, to the State Highway Fund, and to the newly-created Nevada Public Safety Fund, specified portions of increased revenues generated from certain county and city license fees and taxes that currently fund the operations of the county fair and recreation boards in counties whose population is 800,000 or more. In such counties, any revenue generated by license fees and taxes that is collected for or by the county fair and recreation board that exceeds the total amount of such revenue generated in the 2006-2007 fiscal year, as adjusted for inflation or deflation according to the Consumer Price Index, will be distributed one-third to the Distributive School Account in the State General Fund to be used for educational purposes, one-third to the State Highway Fund to be used for transportation purposes, and one-third to the Nevada Public Safety Fund to be used for public safety purposes.

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