

1 AN ACT in relation to highways.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Toll Highway Act is amended by adding
5 Section 21.1 as follows:

6 (605 ILCS 10/21.1 new)

7 Sec. 21.1. Binding referendum on abolition of the
8 Authority. In each county in which any portion of the toll
9 highway system is located, a binding referendum shall be held
10 at the general primary election in 2004 to determine whether
11 the electors of the county favor abolishing the Authority in
12 exchange for an increase in the motor fuel tax in those
13 counties to maintain the system. The question shall be
14 certified under Section 28-5 of the Election Code. The
15 question shall be in substantially the following form:

16 "Recognizing that in 2002, the Illinois Department of
17 Transportation received an additional \$47.5 million from the
18 federal government due to the fact that Illinois included the
19 tollways within the Illinois highway system for federal
20 reporting purposes, shall the motor fuel tax imposed by the
21 State of Illinois in each county in which any portion of the
22 toll highway system is located, be increased by 5 cents per
23 gallon, with the proceeds going to the Illinois Department of
24 Transportation to pay for the maintenance of the current toll
25 highway system, in exchange for abolishing the Illinois State
26 Toll Highway Authority?"

27 The votes shall be recorded as "yes" or "no".

28 Six months after the approval of the referendum by a
29 majority of the voters voting on the question, the Authority
30 shall be abolished and a 5 cents per gallon motor fuel tax
31 shall be imposed for the purposes provided in the referendum.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.