HJR 76 -- Toll Facilities

Sponsor: Quinn (7)

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment allows the Highways and Transportation Commission to conduct feasibility studies and fund, design, acquire, construct, maintain, and operate toll facilities. The commission is authorized to:

- (1) Fix and collect tolls for the use of all toll facilities;
- (2) Issue state toll facility revenue bonds or refunding bonds authorized by the General Assembly without the consent of any other state agency or board;
- (3) Enter into contracts with other federal, state, or local agencies to conduct its duties with respect to constructing toll facilities;
- (4) Transfer moneys from the State Road Fund to the State Toll Facility Fund to pay toll facility costs. Any transfers must be repaid in a time and manner determined by the commission; and
- (5) Relocate or incorporate any public road or highway into a state toll facility project approved by the General Assembly.

Moneys obtained from toll facility revenue bonds, tolls, and other fees will be deposited into the State Toll Facility Fund and will stand appropriated without legislative action to be expended in the sole discretion of the commission. Revenue generated from the toll roads will not be included as a part of total state revenue, nor will revenue expenditures be considered an expense of state government for the purposes of the Hancock Amendment.