CHAPTER 705
H.B. No. 3125
AN ACT
relating to route designation for the issuance of a permit for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain counties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 623.219(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) For a permit issued by a port authority located in a county that borders the United Mexican States, the commission shall, with the consent of the port authority, designate the most direct route from:

(1) the Gateway International Bridge or the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates to the entrance of the Port of Brownsville using State Highways 48 and 4 or United States Highways 77 and 83 or using United States Highway 77 and United States Highway 83, East Loop Corridor, and State Highway 4; and

(2) the Free Trade International Bridge to the entrance of the Port of Brownsville using Farm-to-Market Road 509, United States Highways 77 and 83, Farm-to-Market Road 511, State Highway 550, and East Loop (State Highway 32).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 706
H.B. No. 3126
AN ACT
relating to the authorization by referendum election of an increase in optional fees imposed on vehicles registered in certain counties to fund transportation projects.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 502.402, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) The commissioners court of a county by order may impose an additional fee, not to exceed $10, for a vehicle registered in the county. Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), the fee may not exceed $10.

(b-1) The commissioners court of a county described by Subsection (a) with a population of less than 700,000 may increase the additional fee to an amount that does not exceed $20 if approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the county voting on the issue at a referendum election, which the commissioners court may order and hold for that purpose.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 12, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 2013: Yeas 24, Nays 7.

Effective September 1, 2013.