

OPINION

Comal voter wary of Prop 1 wording

Proposition 1 on this year's ballot says that "certain money" will be transferred to the state highway fund. The wording is clever — and deceptive.

The true source of that "certain money" is not named. In fact, it is the state's Rainy Day Fund. That fund's real purpose is for Texas' economic stabilization in case we get in financial trouble. It is not for pot hole fixing.

We do need to work on our transportation needs. We do need money to do it. The state highway fund should be increased the usual way in order to pay for it. But that usual method would be anathema to the driving public so the lobbyists found a way to fool us. By concealing the facts, they will get the proposition passed and money will be diverted from its original intent. We will watch Peter (the Rainy Day Fund) being robbed to pay Paul (the highway contractors).

Let's bring the discussion to our level as citizens and make it personal. In your life, if you think it is a good idea to dig deep into the savings you are holding in case of a severe emergency such as unexpected and high medical expenses for your child so that instead you can put in a sidewalk, then you have to love Proposition 1.

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