
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4228

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives
Armstrong and Clibborn)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/12.

1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to
6 Article II, section 40 of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7 to read as follows:

8 Article II, section 40. All fees collected by the State of
9 Washington as license fees for motor vehicles and all excise taxes
10 collected by the State of Washington on the sale, distribution or use
11 of motor vehicle fuel and all other state revenue intended to be used
12 for highway purposes, shall be paid into the state treasury and placed
13 in a special fund to be used exclusively for highway purposes. When a
14 fee is designated to be used for highway purposes, two-thirds of the
15 members elected to each of the two houses of the legislature must agree
16 to any modification to that designation. Such highway purposes shall
17 be construed to include the following:

18 (a) The necessary operating, engineering and legal expenses

1 connected with the administration of public highways, county roads and
2 city streets;

3 (b) The construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, and
4 betterment of public highways, county roads, bridges and city streets;
5 including the cost and expense of (1) acquisition of rights-of-way, (2)
6 installing, maintaining and operating traffic signs and signal lights,
7 (3) policing by the state of public highways, (4) operation of movable
8 span bridges, (5) operation of ferries which are a part of any public
9 highway, county road, or city street;

10 (c) The payment or refunding of any obligation of the State of
11 Washington, or any political subdivision thereof, for which any of the
12 revenues described in section 1 may have been legally pledged prior to
13 the effective date of this act;

14 (d) Refunds authorized by law for taxes paid on motor vehicle
15 fuels;

16 (e) The cost of collection of any revenues described in this
17 section:

18 *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed to include
19 revenue from general or special taxes or excises not levied primarily
20 for highway purposes, or apply to vehicle operator's license fees or
21 any excise tax imposed on motor vehicles or the use thereof in lieu of
22 a property tax thereon, or fees for certificates of ownership of motor
23 vehicles.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
25 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four
26 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal
27 newspaper in the state.

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