
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8216

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By Senators Patterson, Vognild, Craswell and Nelson.

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Transportation.

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 there
4 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their
5 approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article II,
6 section 40 (Amendment 18) of the state Constitution to read as follows:

7 Article II, section 40. All fees collected by the State of
8 Washington as license fees for motor vehicles, driver's license fees,
9 any excise tax imposed on motor vehicles or the use thereof, fines,
10 forfeitures, or other monetary penalties related to the operation of a
11 motor vehicle on the highways of the state, motor vehicle title fees,
12 and all other fees related to motor vehicles, and all excise taxes
13 collected by the State of Washington on the sale, distribution, or use
14 of motor vehicle fuel, all earnings on investment of those fees and
15 taxes, and all other state revenue intended to be used for ((highway))
16 transportation purposes, shall be paid into the state treasury and

1 placed in a special fund to be used exclusively for ((highway))
2 transportation purposes. Such ((highway)) transportation purposes
3 shall be construed to include the following:

4 (a) The necessary operating, engineering, and legal expenses
5 connected with the administration of public transportation systems,
6 state highways, county roads, and city streets;

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

15 (c) The payment or refunding of any obligation of the State of
16 Washington, or any political subdivision thereof, for which any of the
17 revenues described in section 1 may ~~((have been))~~ be legally pledged,
18 or were legally pledged ~~((prior to the effective date of this act))~~
19 before December 7, 1944;

20 (d) Refunds authorized by law for taxes paid on motor vehicle
21 fuels;

22 (e) The cost of collection of any revenues described in this
23 section:

24 PROVIDED, That this section shall not be construed to include
25 revenue from general or special taxes or excises not levied primarily
26 for ((highway)) transportation purposes~~((, or apply to vehicle~~
27 ~~operator's license fees or any excise tax imposed on motor vehicles or~~
28 ~~the use thereof in lieu of a property tax thereon, or fees for~~
29 ~~certificates of ownership of motor vehicles))~~.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
2 notice of the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at
3 least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in
4 every legal newspaper in the state.