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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4211

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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 and all excise taxes  
9 collected by the State of Washington on the sale, distribution, or use  
10 of motor vehicle fuel, and all other state revenue intended to be used  
11 for ((highway)) transportation purposes, shall be paid into the state  
12 treasury and placed in a special fund to be used exclusively for  
13 ((highway)) transportation purposes. Such ((highway)) transportation  
14 purposes shall be construed to include the following:

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

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

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

17 (d) Refunds authorized by law for taxes paid on motor vehicle  
18 fuels;

19 (e) The cost of collection of any revenues described in this  
20 section:

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

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
28 notice of the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at  
29 least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in

1 every legal newspaper in the state.