
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8207

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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 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, all revenue generated from tolls, and all other
12 state revenue intended to be used for highway purposes, shall be paid
13 into the state treasury and placed in a special fund to be used
14 exclusively for highway purposes. Such highway purposes shall be
15 construed to include the following:

16 (a) The necessary operating, engineering and legal expenses
17 connected with the administration of public highways, county roads and
18 city streets;

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

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

12 (d) Refunds authorized by law for taxes paid on motor vehicle
13 fuels;

14 (e) The cost of collection of any revenues described in this
15 section:

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

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

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