

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-308)  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1532, L.D. 1758, RESOLUTION,  
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Permit the  
Highway Fund to be used for Public Transportation Purposes.

Amend the Resolution by striking out all of the 2nd and  
3rd paragraphs and inserting in their place the following:

'Constitution, Article IX, Section 19 is amended by inserting  
at the end the following new paragraph:

Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, funds subject to  
this section, other than funds expended for cost of adminis-  
tration and statutory refunds and adjustments, shall be  
allocated by region. The electors of a region may, by referendum,  
divert a portion of the funds allocated to their region to  
construct, reconstruct, maintain, repair, purchase and operate  
systems or part of systems of alternative transportation.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the use of dedicated transportation  
funds for alternative modes of transportation. The amendment  
provides that all dedicated funds under Article IX, Section 19,  
other than funds used for the costs of administration and statutory  
refunds and adjustments, shall be allocated by region. The  
amendment further provides that the voters of a region may, by  
referendum vote, divert a portion of the funds allocated to their

region for alternative modes of transportation.

The 2nd regular session of the Legislature, of course, will flesh out this constitutional provision by statutory enactment, once the amendment is ratified by the people and can be expected to provide for specific regions and the methods of holding the regional referenda, among other things.

Filed by Mr. Jensen of Portland.

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