

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 913

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7 H.P. 627

House of Representatives, March 1, 1985

8 Speaker laid before the House and referred to the Committee on  
9 Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Reeves of Pittston.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Allen of Washington and Representative  
Connolly of Portland.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment  
18 to the Constitution of Maine  
19 to Authorize the Expenditure of Highway Fund  
20 Money for Public Transportation that is  
21 Dependent upon Highways and Bridges for  
22 Operation.  
23

24 Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two thirds  
25 of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that  
26 the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine  
27 be proposed:

28 Constitution, Article IX, §19 is amended to read:

29 Section 19. Limitation on expenditure of motor  
30 vehicle and motor vehicle fuel revenues. All reve-  
31 nues derived from fees, excises and license taxes re-  
32 lating to registration, operation and use of vehicles  
33 on public highways, and to fuels used for the propul-  
34 sion of such vehicles shall be expended solely for  
35 cost of administration, statutory refunds and adjust-  
36 ments, payment of debts and liabilities incurred in

1 construction and reconstruction of highways and  
2 bridges, the cost of construction, reconstruction,  
3 maintenance and repair of public highways and bridges  
4 under the direction and supervision of a state de-  
5 partment having jurisdiction over such highways and  
6 bridges, the expenses and cost of public transporta-  
7 tion facilities and equipment requiring the use of  
8 Maine's highways and highway bridges and expense for  
9 state enforcement of traffic laws and shall not be  
10 diverted for any purpose, provided that these limita-  
11 tions shall not apply to revenue from an excise tax  
12 on motor vehicles imposed in lieu of personal proper-  
13 ty tax.

14 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of  
15 question; effective date. Resolved: That the city  
16 aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of  
17 this State shall notify the inhabitants of their re-  
18 spective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in  
19 the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide  
20 election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday  
21 following the first Monday of November following the  
22 passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratifi-  
23 cation of the amendment proposed in this resolution  
24 by voting upon the following question:

25 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended  
26 to allow the use of Highway Fund money for pur-  
27 poses of public transportation which is dependent  
28 upon the use of Maine's highways and bridges?"

29 The legal voters of each city, town and  
30 plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and  
31 shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark  
32 placed within the corresponding square below the word  
33 "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received,  
34 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and  
35 plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary  
36 of State in the same manner as votes for members of  
37 the Legislature. The Governor shall review the re-  
38 turns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal  
39 votes are in favor of the amendment, the Governor  
40 shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amend-  
41 ment shall become part of the Constitution on the  
42 date of the proclamation.

