

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 29, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative TREAT of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Representative McKEEN of Windham, Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Representative SIMONDS of Cape Elizabeth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Undedicate Highway Revenues.**

2 Constitutional amendment. **RESOLVED:** Two thirds of each
branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following
amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

4 **Constitution, Art. IX, §19** is repealed; and be it further

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8 **Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective**
date. **Resolved:** That the municipal officers of this State shall
10 notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding
12 a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday
following the first Monday of November following the passage of
14 this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment
proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

16 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended by repealing the
requirement that all revenues derived from fees and taxes
18 related to the registration, operation and use of vehicles
on public highways be spent for highway purposes, allowing
20 those funds to be spent for other purposes?"

22 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice
24 by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square
below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received,
26 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation
meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same
28 manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor
shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of
30 the legal votes are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor
shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment becomes
32 part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be
it further

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36 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the
Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution
38 necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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42 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

44 This resolution amends the Constitution of Maine by
repealing the provision requiring that revenues derived from fees
46 and taxes related to the registration, operation and use of
vehicles on public highways be spent for highway purposes. The
48 resolution permits those funds to be used for other governmental
purposes.