

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 101**

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S. P. 100.

In Senate, January 21, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Farris of Kennebec.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide that All Revenue Accruing from Motor Vehicle Registration, Operators' Licenses, Motor Vehicle Fuel Excise Taxes and Any Other Special Charges or Taxes on the Operation of Motor Vehicles shall be used Solely for Highway and Bridge Construction Maintenance and Supervision.**

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**Constitutional amendment. Resolved:** Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed:

**Article IX of the constitution amended.** Article IX of the constitution is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section to be numbered section 23 and to read as follows:

'Sec. 23. All revenue in excess of the necessary cost of collection and administration including statutory refunds accruing from motor vehicle registration fees, operators' licenses, gasoline and other motor vehicle fuel excise taxes and any other special charges or taxes with respect to the operation of motor vehicles or the sale or consumption of motor vehicle fuels shall be appropriated and used solely to meet debts and liabilities incurred for highway and bridge construction or reconstruction, to construct, reconstruct and maintain highways and bridges under the direction

and supervision of a state department and for state enforcement of traffic laws and shall not be diverted or used for any other purpose.'

**Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved:** That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, on the second Monday in September following the passage of this resolve, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

"Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature providing that all revenue accruing from motor vehicle registration, operators' licenses, motor vehicle fuel excise taxes or any other special charges or taxes on the operation of motor vehicles be used solely for highway and bridge construction, maintenance and supervision?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amendment voting "No," and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature and the governor and council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the constitution.

**Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.