



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 23

Senate, March 27, 2014

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. MAYNARD of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the joint resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION LIMITING THE USE OF MONEYS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 Section 1. That the following be proposed as an amendment to the
2 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the
3 manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and
4 purposes, become a part thereof:

5 Article eleventh of the constitution is amended by adding section 6
6 as follows:

7 (NEW) Sec. 6. No moneys contained in the Special Transportation
8 Fund, or any successor fund, shall be used or transferred from the
9 fund for any expenditure or purpose not related to transportation.

10 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
11 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
12 elected at the general election to be held on November 4, 2014, and

13 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
14 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 4, 2014,
15 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
16 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed
17 amendment to be used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the
18 Constitution of the State be amended to prohibit the use or transfer of
19 moneys contained in the Special Transportation Fund, or any successor
20 fund, for any expenditure or purpose not related to transportation?"

TRA *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 15 \$	FY 16 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	5,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This resolution proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to restrict the use of funds in the State Transportation Fund, or any successor fund. The Secretary of the State is anticipated to incur a cost of \$5,000 in FY 15 (for the November 2014 election) for providing posters with the proposed constitutional amendment question and explanation to each polling place in every municipality. The FY 15 cost may be shifted into FY 17 pursuant to the requirements of the constitutional amendment process.

This cost will cover the printing and mailing of the posters. Since all materials required for placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot are supplied by the State, and the vote will occur in a regularly scheduled statewide election, no costs will be incurred by municipalities.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SJ 23*****RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION LIMITING THE USE OF MONEYS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.*****SUMMARY:**

This resolution proposes amending the state constitution to prohibit the use of any money in the Special Transportation Fund for any purpose not related to transportation.

The ballot designation to be used when the amendment is presented at the general election in November is "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to prohibit the use or transfer of moneys contained in the Special Transportation Fund, or any successor fund, for any expenditure or purpose not related to transportation?"

EFFECTIVE DATE: If the resolution passes by at least three-fourths of the membership of each house of the General Assembly, it will be placed on the 2014 general election ballot. If it passes by a majority of the membership of each house but less than three-fourths, it will be referred to the 2015 session of the legislature. If it passes in that session by a majority of each house, it will appear on the 2016 general election ballot. If a majority of those voting in the general election approve the amendment, it will become part of the state constitution.

BACKGROUND***Special Transportation Fund***

The Special Transportation Fund funds state highway and public transportation projects. It is supported by a number of revenue streams, most notably the motor vehicle fuels tax. By law, money in the fund must be used first for debt service and to pay for certain transportation projects. Remaining funds must be spent to pay general

obligation bonds issued for transportation purposes, and budget appropriations for the departments of (1) transportation, (2) motor vehicles, and (3) emergency services and public protection (for certain state police motor vehicle patrol expenditures) (CGS §§ 13b-59 et seq.).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/14/2014)