

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/24/96
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska creating a
2 highway fund and a marine highway fund.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. Article IX, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is repealed and readopted
5 to read:

6 SECTION 7. DEDICATED FUNDS. The proceeds of any State tax or license
7 shall not be dedicated to any special purpose. This provision shall not prohibit the
8 continuance of any dedication for special purposes existing on April 24, 1956, and shall
9 not prohibit the dedication of revenue under Sections 15, 18, or 19 of this article, or
10 when required by the federal government for State participation in federal programs.

11 * Sec. 2. Article IX, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding new sections
12 to read:

13 SECTION 18. HIGHWAY FUND. (a) The revenue received after June 30,
14 1997, from State taxes on fuel used for the propulsion of motor vehicles designed for and
15 ordinarily used on highways or roads, less refunds, credits, and the costs of collection
16 of that tax as provided by law, shall be placed in a highway fund. Except as provided

1 in (d) of this section, the legislature may appropriate money from the fund only for the
2 maintenance costs of roads and highways used for vehicular travel that are maintained
3 by the State or a local government.

4 (b) This section does not apply to revenue received from taxes that the State
5 collects on behalf of a local government.

6 (c) The legislature shall provide by law for the management and investment of
7 the highway fund balance. The income earned from the management and investment of
8 the fund shall be deposited into the fund.

9 (d) An appropriation from the highway fund for a public purpose other than one
10 described in (a) of this section may be made upon an affirmative vote of four-fifths of
11 the members of each house of the legislature.

12 SECTION 19. MARINE HIGHWAY FUND. (a) The gross revenue received
13 by the State after June 30, 1997, from the operation of the vessels of a marine highway
14 system and the use of marine highway system facilities, less refunds and credits as
15 provided by law, shall be placed in a marine highway fund. Except as provided in (c)
16 of this section, the legislature may appropriate money from the fund only for the
17 expenses incurred by the State for operating and maintaining the vessels and facilities
18 of the marine highway system.

19 (b) The legislature shall provide by law for the management and investment of
20 the marine highway fund balance. The income earned from the management and
21 investment of the fund shall be deposited into the fund.

22 (c) An appropriation from the marine highway fund for a public purpose other
23 than one described in (a) of this section may be made upon an affirmative vote of four-
24 fifths of the members of each house of the legislature.

25 * **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
26 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State
27 of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.