

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the Constitution
6 of the State of Alaska creating dedicat-
7 ed funds from fuel taxes on aircraft,
8 watercraft, and motor vehicles, and from
9 related sources, and creating a dedicat-
10 ed fund from revenue earned by the
11 Alaska marine highway system for use by
12 that system.

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

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15 is repealed and readopted to read:

16 SECTION 7. DEDICATED FUNDS PROHIBITED. The proceeds of any
17 State tax or license shall not be dedicated to any special purpose.
18 This provision shall not prohibit the continuance of any dedication
19 for special purposes existing on April 24, 1956, and shall not pro-
20 hibit the dedication of revenue under Sections 15, 17, or 18 of this
21 article or when required by the federal government for State par-
22 ticipation in federal programs.

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

25 SECTION 17. SPECIAL FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION. The proceeds of
26 State taxes, licenses, and fees on aircraft and of State taxes on the
27 transfer or consumption of fuel for aircraft that are received by the
28 State shall be placed in an airport fund. The proceeds of State
29 taxes, licenses, and fees on watercraft and of State taxes on the

1 transfer or consumption of fuel for watercraft that are received by
2 the State shall be placed in a ports and harbors fund. The proceeds
3 of State taxes, licenses, and fees on motor vehicles and of State
4 taxes on the transfer or consumption of fuel for motor vehicles that
5 are received by the State shall be placed in a highway fund. The
6 legislature may appropriate from a fund established by this section
7 only to pay the cost of administering the law imposing the tax, li-
8 cense, or fee from which the revenue is derived, to pay costs of
9 construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of a
10 capital improvement, including debt service, applicable to the means
11 of transportation to which that fund relates, and to pay expenses of
12 State enforcement of laws applicable to the means of transportation to
13 which that fund relates. The legislature may appropriate from the
14 highway fund to construct, reconstruct, repair, maintain, and operate
15 vessels and facilities of the Alaska marine highway system, and to pay
16 debt service for construction or reconstruction of a vessel or ferry
17 terminal of the Alaska marine highway system.

18 SECTION 18. ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM FUND. The revenue that
19 is received by the State for operation of the Alaska marine highway
20 system shall be placed in an Alaska marine highway system fund. The
21 legislature may appropriate from the Alaska marine highway system fund
22 established by this section only to pay costs of administration of the
23 Alaska marine highway system, to pay costs of construction, recon-
24 struction, repairs, maintenance, and operation of a vessel or
25 facility of the Alaska marine highway system, and to pay debt service
26 for construction or reconstruction of a vessel or ferry terminal of
27 the Alaska marine highway system.

28 * Sec. 3. - The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed
29 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity

1 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-
2 tion laws of the state.