

Senate Resolution 336

By: Senator Thompson of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that funds derived from motor
 2 fuel taxes may be appropriated for and grants made for all activities incident to providing and
 3 maintaining an adequate system of public roads and bridges in this state and for any or all
 4 transportation purposes; to authorize the General Assembly to allocate and specify and direct
 5 the use of such funds by general law; to provide for submission of this amendment for
 6 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by revising
 10 subparagraph (b) as follows:

11 "(b) An amount of money equal to all money derived from motor fuel taxes received by
 12 the state in each of the immediately preceding fiscal years, less the amount of refunds,
 13 rebates, and collection costs authorized by law, ~~is hereby~~ shall be appropriated for the
 14 fiscal year beginning July 1, of each year following, for all activities incident to providing
 15 and maintaining an adequate system of public roads and bridges in this state; and for any
 16 or all transportation purposes as authorized by laws enacted by the General Assembly of
 17 Georgia, and for grants to counties by law authorizing ~~road~~, construction and
 18 maintenance for transportation purposes, as provided by law authorizing such grants. The
 19 General Assembly is specifically authorized to allocate and specify and direct the use of
 20 the sum provided for under this subparagraph by general law. ~~Said~~ The sum provided for
 21 under this subparagraph shall be ~~is hereby~~ appropriated for, and shall be available for, the
 22 ~~aforsaid purposes~~ transportation purposes authorized under this subparagraph regardless
 23 of whether the General Assembly enacts a general appropriations Act; and said sum need
 24 not be specifically stated in any general appropriations Act passed by the General
 25 Assembly in order to be available for such purposes. However, this shall not preclude
 26 the General Assembly from appropriating for such purposes an amount greater than the
 27 sum specified above for such purposes. The expenditure of such funds shall be subject

28 to all the rules, regulations, and restrictions imposed on the expenditure of appropriations
 29 by provisions of the Constitution and laws of this state, unless such provisions are in
 30 conflict with the provisions of this ~~paragraph. And Paragraph;~~ provided, however, that
 31 the proceeds of the tax ~~hereby~~ appropriated under this subparagraph shall not be subject
 32 to budgetary reduction. In the event of invasion of this state by land, sea, or air or in case
 33 of a major catastrophe so proclaimed by the Governor, said funds may be utilized for
 34 defense or relief purposes on the executive order of the Governor."

35 **SECTION 2.**

36 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
 37 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
 38 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

39 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that funds
 40 derived from motor fuel taxes may be appropriated for and grants made for
 41 () NO all activities incident to providing and maintaining an adequate system of
 42 public roads and bridges and for any or all transportation purposes
 43 authorized by the General Assembly and to authorize the General Assembly
 44 to allocate and specify and direct the use of such funds by general law?"

45 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
 46 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
 47 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
 48 become a part of the Constitution of this state.