



**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2015 and 2016**

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**SC0025**

Introduced 2/19/2016, by Sen. Heather A. Steans

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Finance Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that the General Assembly by law shall provide sufficient transportation revenues to ensure that the State's transportation infrastructure is maintained in a good condition. Provides that the General Assembly shall provide by law that all transportation related revenues and fees shall be deposited into a Transportation Trust Fund. Sets forth the purposes for which Transportation Trust Fund moneys may be used. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1                                   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2                                   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the  
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general  
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of  
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Section 2 of Article  
9 VIII of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10                                   ARTICLE VIII  
11                                   FINANCE

12           (IILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 2)

13           SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

14           (a) The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General  
15 Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for the  
16 ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the estimated  
17 balance of funds available for appropriation at the beginning  
18 of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a plan for  
19 expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of every  
20 department, authority, public corporation and quasi-public  
21 corporation of the State, every State college and university,  
22 and every other public agency created by the State, but not of  
23 units of local government or school districts. The budget shall

1 also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of  
2 the State and such other information as may be required by law.  
3 Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be  
4 available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget.

5 (b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations  
6 for all expenditures of public funds by the State.  
7 Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds  
8 estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that  
9 year.

10 (c) Roads, bridges, and public transportation are an  
11 essential public purpose for which public funds must be  
12 expended and are vital to the economy of the State of Illinois.  
13 As such, the General Assembly by law shall provide sufficient  
14 transportation revenues to ensure that the State's  
15 transportation infrastructure is maintained in a good  
16 condition. To achieve that goal, the General Assembly shall  
17 provide by law that all transportation related revenues and  
18 fees, including the State motor fuel tax and vehicle  
19 registration and license fees, shall be deposited into a  
20 Transportation Trust Fund. Moneys in the Transportation Trust  
21 Fund may be used only:

22 (1) for the purpose of paying the principal of and  
23 interest on transportation bonds as they become due and  
24 payable; and

25 (2) after meeting debt service requirements for  
26 transportation bonds, for any lawful purpose related to

1 transportation, including the construction and maintenance  
2 of adequate highways, roads, bridges, and public transit  
3 systems in the State.

4 Moneys in the Transportation Trust Fund may not be  
5 transferred to the General Revenue Fund or any other fund or  
6 special fund of the State.

7 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

8 SCHEDULE

9 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
10 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
11 Constitutional Amendment Act.