

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A QUESTION TO VOTERS**

2 2018 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Rebecca P. Edwards**

5 Senate Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This joint resolution directs the lieutenant governor to present an opinion question to
10 the legal voters of the state to determine whether the voters support an increase in
11 motor and special fuel tax rates for public education and local roads.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ pursuant to Title 36, Chapter 16b, Nonbinding Statewide Public Opinion Questions,
15 directs the lieutenant governor to present an opinion question to the legal voters of
16 the state to determine whether the voters support an increase in the motor and
17 special fuel tax rates by an equivalent of 10 cents per gallon for public education
18 and local roads; and

19 ▶ directs the lieutenant governor to submit the opinion question on the ballot for the
20 2018 regular general election.

21 **Special Clauses:**

22 This resolution provides a special effective date.

24 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

25 WHEREAS, public education is frequently listed as the top concern of Utah residents;

26 WHEREAS, a high-quality education is exceedingly necessary to achieve personal and
27 statewide prosperity;

28 WHEREAS, additional investments in education will provide greater learning
29 opportunities for Utah students to succeed;

30 WHEREAS, improving Utah's workforce will stimulate greater economic development
31 and growth;

32 WHEREAS, funding at the school level allows for local control, community
33 engagement, and direct investment in the students of each school;

34 WHEREAS, approximately \$600 million is taken from the state's General Fund to
35 subsidize the Transportation Fund each year;

36 WHEREAS, additional transportation-sourced funding is needed for the Transportation
37 Fund to better sustain itself;

38 WHEREAS, if the state's Transportation Fund is more self-sustaining, more resources
39 in the General Fund will be available for use by the state public education system;

40 WHEREAS, increasing the motor and special fuel tax will generate substantial revenue
41 for the Transportation Fund and reduce the subsidy from the General Fund; and

42 WHEREAS, Section [36-16b-202](#) provides a process for the Legislature to submit a
43 nonbinding opinion question to the legal voters of Utah in a regular general election:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
45 directs the lieutenant governor to submit the following nonbinding opinion question to the legal
46 voters of Utah at the 2018 regular general election, to be held on November 6, 2018:

47 "To provide additional funding for public education and local roads, should the state
48 increase the state motor and special fuel tax rates by an equivalent of 10 cents per gallon?".

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the lieutenant
50 governor, who is hereby directed, in accordance with this resolution and Title 36, Chapter 16b,
51 Nonbinding Statewide Public Opinion Questions, to submit the language of the foregoing
52 opinion question at the 2018 regular general election, to be held on November 6, 2018, to the
53 legal voters of the state for their approval.

54 **Contingent effective date.**

55 This resolution takes effect on the day on which Title 36, Chapter 16b, Nonbinding
56 Statewide Public Opinion Questions, becomes law.