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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

JOINT RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RESTRICTION ON TOLLING

Introduced By: Senators Pagliarini, Algiere, Jabour, Ciccone, and Cote

Date Introduced: January 28, 2016

Referred To: Senate Finance

1 RESOLVED, That a majority of all members elected to each house of the general
2 assembly voting therefor, the following amendment to the Constitution of the state be proposed to
3 the qualified electors of the state in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV of the
4 Constitution for their approval, to read as follows:

5 ARTICLE 6

6 **Section 23. Restriction on tolling.** No act authorizing the imposition of tolls upon
7 passenger vehicles being operated on any bridge or roadway, other than those subject to tolls as
8 of January 1, 2016, shall take effect until it has been approved by the majority of those electors
9 voting in a statewide referendum and by the majority of those electors voting in a referendum in
10 the municipality in which the proposed tolling would be allowed.

11 The secretary of state shall certify the results of the statewide referendum and the local
12 board of canvassers of the city or town where the tolling is to be allowed shall certify the results
13 of the local referendum to the secretary of state.

14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors
16 for their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the
17 several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for
18 general officers of the state; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State shall cause the said proposition of amendment

1 to be published as a part of the resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the
2 said meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or
3 notices to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town,
4 ward, or district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, or district
5 meetings to be held as aforesaid; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the town, ward, and district meetings to be held as aforesaid shall be
7 warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and
8 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,
9 ward, and district meetings for the elections of general officers of the state.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This Joint Resolution would propose a Constitutional Amendment providing that any
- 2 new highway or bridge tolling would require voter approval statewide and also in the
- 3 municipalities affected.

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