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Short Title: Const. Amd. - Max. Income Tax Rate of 5.5%.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT
THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED FIVE AND
ONE-HALF PERCENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Article V of the North Carolina Constitution reads as
rewritten:

"Sec. 2. State and local taxation.

...

(6) Income tax. The rate of tax on incomes shall not in any case exceed ~~ten~~five and
one-half percent, and there shall be allowed personal exemptions and deductions so that only net
incomes are taxed.

...."

SECTION 2. The amendment set out Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the
qualified voters of the State at a statewide general election to be held in November of 2018, which
election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting
systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The
question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

"[] FOR [] AGAINST

Reduce the income tax rate in North Carolina to a maximum allowable rate of five and
one-half percent (5.5%)."

SECTION 3. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment
set out in Section 1 of this act, the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement
shall certify the amendment to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the
amendment so certified among the permanent records of that office.

SECTION 4. The constitutional amendment shall become effective upon such
certification and apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
law.

