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SENATE BILL DRS45566-MCfy-232

Short Title: Lower Taxes for All NC. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lee, Sawrey, and Barnes (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT
3 THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED THREE AND
4 ONE-HALF PERCENT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "Sec. 2. State and local taxation.

9 ...

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

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14 SECTION 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to
15 the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on November 3, 2026,
16 which election shall be conducted in accordance with the laws governing elections at that time.
17 The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

18 "[] FOR [] AGAINST

19 Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher
20 than three and one-half percent (3.5%)."

21 SECTION 3. The State Board of Elections shall certify the results of the referendum
22 conducted under Section 2 of this act. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of
23 the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment
24 among the permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes cast on the question are against
25 the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the amendment shall have no effect.

26 SECTION 4. If the certification from the State Board of Elections under Section 3
27 of this act reflects that a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment set
28 out in Section 1 of this act, the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act is effective upon
29 certification and shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

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



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