

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 75

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

Sponsors: Senators Tucker, Brock, Tillman (Primary Sponsors); Ballard, Bishop, Cook, Daniel, J. Davis, Edwards, Hise, Krawiec, Pate, and Rabin.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 15, 2017

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.

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**SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the  
qualified voters of the State at a statewide general election to be held on November 6, 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 163 of the General Statutes. The  
question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

"[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

Constitutional amendment providing that the rate of tax on incomes shall not exceed  
five and one-half percent (5.5%)."

**SECTION 3.** If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of the  
amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the  
amendment to the Secretary of State, who shall enroll the amendment so certified among the  
permanent records of that office. The amendment becomes effective for taxable years beginning  
on or after January 1, 2019.

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

