

Offered by Senator L. Wilson

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By Committee on Ways & Means

On page 12, after line 26, insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. **Sec. 205.** The legislature finds that while considering potential modifications to the tax code, the legislature should be mindful of the people's history of rejecting all forms of income tax, resoundingly. On ten separate occasions, Washington voters have voted down income tax proposals. The following resolutions to impose an income tax have failed:

(a) House Joint Resolution No. 11 in 1934, failed with fifty-seven percent of the votes;

(b) Senate Joint Resolution No. 7 in 1936, failed with seventy-eight percent of the votes;

(c) Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 in 1938, failed with sixty-seven percent of the votes;

(d) Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Sec. 2 in 1942, failed with sixty-six percent of the votes;

(e) Initiative to the People No. 158 in 1944, failed with seventy percent of the votes;

(f) House Joint Resolution No. 42 in 1970, failed with sixty-eight percent of the votes;

(g) House Joint Resolution No. 37 in 1973, failed with seventy-seven percent of the votes;

(h) Initiative to the People No. 314 in 1975, failed with sixty-seven percent of the votes;

(i) Initiative to the People No. 435 in 1982, failed with sixty-six percent of the votes; and

1 (j) Initiative to the People No. 1098 in 2010; failed with sixty-
2 four percent of the votes."

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4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 206.** The secretary of state shall submit this
5 act to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection,
6 at the next general election to be held in this state, in accordance
7 with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws
8 adopted to facilitate its operation."

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10 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
11 internal references accordingly.

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13 Correct the title.

14 EFFECT: Adds a referendum clause and a new section listing
prior resolutions to impose an income tax.

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