

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 159

2021 Regular Session

Allain

June 2, 2021

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 159 by Senator Allain, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That House Committee Amendment No. 1 proposed by the House Committee on Ways and Means and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 12, 2021, be adopted.
- 2. That House Committee Amendment No. 1 proposed by the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 19, 2021, be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Patrick Page Cortez

Representative Stuart J. Bishop

Senator R. L. Bret Allain II

Representative Neil Riser

Senator W. Jay Luneau

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu IV

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Leonore Heavey.

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

TAX/TAXATION. Constitutional amendment to reduce the maximum rate of individual income tax and to provide for a federal income tax deduction as provided by law. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Change the maximum allowable rate of individual income tax from 5% to 4.75%.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Changed the election submission date to November 8, 2022.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present constitution provides that the individual income tax rates and brackets shall not exceed those rates and brackets in effect as of Jan. 1, 2003, which are as follows for single taxpayers:

- (1) 2% on the first \$12,500 of net income.
- (2) 4% on the next \$37,500 of net income.
- (3) 6% on net income in excess of \$50,000.

Proposed constitutional amendment reduces the maximum allowable rate of individual income tax from 6% to 4.75%.

Proposed constitutional amendment removes references to 2003 individual income tax rates and brackets.

Present constitution requires a deduction of the full amount of federal income taxes paid for all state income taxes.

Proposed constitutional amendment permits, but does not require, a deduction for federal income taxes paid.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, Sec. 4(A))