

1 in law. Federal income taxes paid shall be allowed as a deductible item in computing
2 state ~~income~~ corporation and fiduciary taxes for the same period.

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4 Section 2. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in
5 this Joint Resolution shall become effective January 1, 2018, and shall be applicable to all
6 tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2018.

7 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
8 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 14,
9 2017.

10 Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
11 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
12 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
13 follows:

14 Do you support an amendment to establish a flat individual income tax rate
15 which shall be established in law in exchange for eliminating the deduction
16 for federal income taxes paid for taxpayers who file individual income tax
17 returns? (Effective January 1, 2018) (Amends Article VII, Section 4(A))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Eliminates the deduction for federal income taxes paid when computing state individual income taxes and provides for the levy of a flat tax which shall be established in law.

Present constitution authorizes equal and uniform taxes to be levied on net income. Further authorizes the rates for these taxes to be graduated according to the amount of the taxpayer's net income; however, the state individual and joint income tax schedule of rates and brackets are prohibited from exceeding the rates and brackets as they existed on Jan. 1, 2003.

Present constitution authorizes federal income taxes paid to be allowed as a deductible item in computing state income taxes for the same period.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes present constitution by eliminating the deductibility of federal income taxes paid when computing individual income tax liability, eliminating references to the maximum amount of the individual income tax rates and

brackets from the constitution, and providing for a flat individual income tax rate which shall be established in law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, and applicable to all tax years beginning on and after the effective date.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 14, 2017.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §4(A))