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## DIGEST

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HB 151 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires state income tax rates and brackets to be provided for in law and eliminates the deductibility of federal income taxes paid when computing state income taxes.

Present constitution authorizes equal and uniform taxes to be levied on net individual and corporate 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 schedules 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 references to the maximum amount of the individual income tax rates and brackets from the constitution in favor of providing for the rates and brackets of all income taxes to be provided for in law and eliminating the deductibility of federal income taxes paid when computing state income tax liability.

Effective Jan. 1, 2020, and applicable to all tax years beginning on and after Jan. 1, 2020.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 12, 2019.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §4(A))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Reinstate present constitution authorizing the state income tax levy to be graduated according to net income.
2. Delete the limitation that the rates and brackets to be provided in law applies to individual and joint income taxes in favor of making the provision apply to *all* income taxes.