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Short Title: Various Constitutional Amendments.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REQUIRE ALL
3 VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT
4 JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE
5 MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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8 **AMEND PHOTO ID REQUIREMENT FOR VOTING**

9 **SECTION 2.(a)** Section 2 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution reads as
10 rewritten:

11 "**Sec. 2. Qualifications of voter.**

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13 (4) Photo identification for ~~voting in person.~~ voting. Voters ~~offering to vote in person~~
14 shall present photographic identification before voting. The General Assembly shall enact
15 general laws governing the requirements of such photographic identification, which may include
16 exceptions."

17 **SECTION 2.(b)** Section 3 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution reads as
18 rewritten:

19 "**Sec. 3. Registration; ~~Voting in Person.~~ Voting.**

20 ...

21 (2) Voters ~~offering to vote in person~~ shall present photographic identification before
22 voting. The General Assembly shall enact general laws governing the requirements of such
23 photographic identification, which may include exceptions."

24 **SECTION 2.(c)** The amendments set out in Sections 2(a) and 2(b) of this act shall
25 be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on
26 November 5, 2024, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in
27 the State. The election shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.
28 The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

29 "[] FOR [] AGAINST

30 Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in
31 person, to present photo identification before voting."

32 **SECTION 2.(d)** The State Board of Elections shall certify the results of the
33 referendum conducted under Section 2(c) of this act. If a majority of votes cast on the question
34 are in favor of the amendments set out in Sections 2(a) and 2(b) of this act, the Secretary of State
35 shall enroll the amendments among the permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes



1 cast on the question are against the amendments set out in Sections 2(a) and 2(b) of this act, the
2 amendments shall have no effect.

3 **SECTION 2.(e)** If the certification from the State Board of Elections under Section
4 2(d) of this act reflects that a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendments
5 set out in Sections 2(a) and 2(b) of this act, the amendments set out in Sections 2(a) and 2(b) of
6 this act are effective upon certification.

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8 **CAP INCOME TAX RATE TO 5%**

9 **SECTION 3.(a)** Section 2 of Article V of the North Carolina Constitution reads as
10 rewritten:

11 "**Sec. 2. State and local taxation.**

12 ...

13 (6) Income tax. The rate of tax on incomes shall not in any case exceed ~~seven~~five percent,
14 and there shall be allowed personal exemptions and deductions so that only net incomes are taxed.

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16 **SECTION 3.(b)** The amendment set out in Section 3(a) of this act shall be submitted
17 to the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on November 5,
18 2024, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. The
19 election shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question
20 to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

21 " FOR AGAINST

22 Constitutional amendment to reduce the income tax rate in North Carolina to a
23 maximum allowable rate of five percent (5%)."

24 **SECTION 3.(c)** The State Board of Elections shall certify the results of the
25 referendum conducted under Section 3(b) of this act. If a majority of votes cast on the question
26 are in favor of the amendment set out in Section 3(a) of this act, the Secretary of State shall enroll
27 the amendment among the permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes cast on the
28 question are against the amendment set out in Section 3(a) of this act, the amendment shall have
29 no effect.

30 **SECTION 3.(d)** If the certification from the State Board of Elections under Section
31 3(c) of this act reflects that a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment
32 set out in Section 3(a) of this act, the amendment set out in Section 3(a) of this act is effective
33 upon certification and shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

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35 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

36 **SECTION 4.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
37 law.