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Amendment to CACR 12

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 RELATING TO: the adoption of tax laws.

4 PROVIDING THAT: the house of representatives may not adopt based on personal income.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the resolving clause with the following:

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8 I. That the second part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 18-a the
9 following new article:

10 [Art.] 18-b. [Taxes Based on Personal Income Prohibited.] The house of representatives shall
11 not adopt a tax on wages, earned income, personal income, or other income of individuals. This
12 prohibition shall apply to any tax measured in whole or in part by personal income, regardless of its
13 designation. Nothing in this article shall prohibit the taxation of businesses, corporations, or other
14 non-individual entities as otherwise permitted under this constitution.

15 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
16 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2026.

17 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
18 insert in their warrants for the said 2026 election an article to the following effect: To decide
19 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2026 session of the general court shall
20 be approved.

21 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

22 “Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 18-a a
23 new article to read as follows:

24 [Art.] 18-b. [Taxes Based on Personal Income Prohibited.] The house of representatives shall
25 not adopt a tax on wages, earned income, personal income, or other income of individuals. This
26 prohibition shall apply to any tax measured in whole or in part by personal income, regardless of its
27 designation. Nothing in this article shall prohibit the taxation of businesses, corporations, or other
28 non-individual entities as otherwise permitted under this constitution.”

29 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot
30 with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall
31 include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no oval is marked, the

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1 ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular
2 official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by
3 the 2026 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

4 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
5 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

6 VII. Voters' Guide.

7 AT THE PRESENT TIME, the house of representatives may adopt a tax on personal
8 income.

9 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, the house of representatives may not adopt a
10 tax on personal income.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution prohibits the house of representatives from adopting any tax on personal income.