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House of Representatives, February 25, 1947.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Limit the
Rate of Income Tax to Not More Than Five Percent.**

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed:

Article IX, § 8, constitution, amended. Section 8 of Article IX, as amended by Articles XVII, and XXXVI, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

'The legislature shall not have power to impose any tax on income, which, in any individual case, after allowing for deductions, shall be in excess of 5% of the net in that individual case.'

Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon.

Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of the several plantations of this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns, and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling, and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives at the next general election, to give in their votes on

the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be: "Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature to limit the rate of income tax to not more than five percent?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the constitution.

Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns, and plantations, ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.