

Initiative Measure No. 1327 filed January 13, 2014

2/3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

COMPLETE TEXT

AN ACT Relating to protecting taxpayers by limiting state taxes; repealing RCW 82.08.020; creating new sections; and providing a contingent expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

INTENT

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Over the past twenty years, the taxpayers have been required to pay increasing taxes to the state, hampering economic growth and limiting opportunities for the citizens of Washington.

The people declare and establish that the state needs to exercise fiscal restraint by either reducing tax burdens or limiting tax increases to only those considered necessary by more than a bare majority of legislators.

Since 1993, the voters have repeatedly passed initiatives requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes. However, the people have not been allowed to vote on a constitutional amendment requiring this protection even though the people have approved it on numerous occasions.

This measure provides a reduction in the burden of state taxes by repealing the sales tax, enabling the citizens to pay for increases in other state taxes, unless the legislature refers to the ballot for a vote a constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes so as to limit tax increases to only those with broader legislative support than a bare majority.

REPEAL THE STATE SALES TAX UNLESS...

Sec. 2. RCW 82.08.020 (Tax imposed - Retail sales - Retail car rental) and 2014 c . . . s . . . , 2011 c 171 s 120; 2010 c 106 s 212; (2010 c 106 s 211 expired January 1, 2011); (2009 c 469 s 802 expired January 1,

2011); 2006 c 1 s 3 (Initiative Measure No. 900, approved November 8, 2005); 2003 c 361 s 301; 2000 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 1; 1998 c 321 s 36 (Referendum Bill No. 49, approved November 3, 1998); 1992 c 194 s 9; 1985 c 32 s 1. Prior: 1983 2nd ex.s. c 3 s 62; 1983 2nd ex.s. c 3 s 41; 1983 c 7 s 6; 1982 1st ex.s. c 35 s 1; 1981 2nd ex.s. c 8 s 1; 1977 ex.s. c 324 s 2; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 130 s 1; 1971 ex.s. c 281 s 9; 1969 ex.s. c 262 s 31; 1967 ex.s. c 149 s 19; 1965 ex.s. c 173 s 13; 1961 c 293 s 6; 1961 c 15 s82.08.020 ; prior: 1959 ex.s. c 3 s 5; 1955 ex.s. c 10 s 2; 1949 c 228 s 4; 1943 c 156 s 5; 1941 c 76 s 2; 1939 c 225 s 10; 1935 c 180 s 16; Rem. Supp. 1949 s 8370-16, as now existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed.

...UNLESS THE LEGISLATURE REFERS TO THE BALLOT FOR A VOTE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OR VOTER APPROVAL TO RAISE TAXES

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Section 2 of this act takes effect April 15, 2015, unless the contingency in subsection (2) of this section occurs.

(2) If the legislature, prior to April 15, 2015, refers to the ballot for a vote a constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes as defined by voter-approved Initiatives 960, 1053, and 1185, section 2 of this act expires on April 14, 2015.

CONSTRUCTION CLAUSE

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes of this act.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

TITLE OF THE ACT

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is known and may be cited as the "2/3 Constitutional Amendment."

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