## HOUSE BILL 2195

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to fiscal reform; amending RCW 41.40.380,
- 2 82.03.130, and 82.03.140; adding a new Title 82A to the Revised Code of
- 3 Washington; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; providing
- 4 for submission of this act to a vote of the people; and providing a
- 5 contingent effective date.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 7 PART I
- 8 INCOME TAX--DEFINITIONS
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 101.** INTRODUCTORY. Unless the context clearly
- 10 requires otherwise, the definitions in sections 102 through 111 of this
- 11 act apply throughout this title.

- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 102.** ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME. "Adjusted gross
- 2 income means adjusted gross income as determined under the internal
- 3 revenue code.
- 4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 103. DEPARTMENT. "Department" means the state
- 5 department of revenue.
- 6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 104. FEDERAL BASE INCOME. "Federal base
- 7 income" means:
- 8 (1) For individuals, adjusted gross income.
- 9 (2) For all other persons, taxable income as determined under the
- 10 internal revenue code.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 105.** INDIVIDUAL. "Individual" means a natural
- 12 person.
- 13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 106.** INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. "Internal revenue
- 14 code" means the United States internal revenue code of 1986 and
- 15 amendments thereto, as existing and in effect on January 1, 1991.
- 16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 107.** PERSON. "Person" includes individuals,
- 17 partnerships, firms, companies, fiduciaries, estates, trusts, and
- 18 corporations.
- 19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 108.** RESIDENT. "Resident" includes: (1) An
- 20 individual who:
- 21 (a) Has resided in this state for the entire taxable year; or
- 22 (b) Is domiciled in this state unless the individual:
- 23 (i) Maintains no permanent place of abode in this state; and
- (ii) Does maintain a permanent place of abode elsewhere; and

- 1 (iii) Spends in the aggregate not more than thirty days in the
- 2 taxable year in this state; or
- 3 (c) Is not domiciled in this state, but maintains a permanent place
- 4 of abode in this state and spends in the aggregate more than one
- 5 hundred eighty-three days of the taxable year in this state unless the
- 6 individual establishes to the satisfaction of the director of the
- 7 department that the individual is in the state only for temporary or
- 8 transitory purposes; or
- 9 (d) Claims the state of Washington as the individual's tax home for
- 10 federal income tax purposes.
- 11 (2) A resident estate means an estate of which a personal
- 12 representative was appointed by a Washington court, or, an estate the
- 13 administration of which is carried on in this state.
- 14 (3) A resident trust means a trust whose situs as determined by RCW
- 15 11.96.040 is within the state of Washington.
- 16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 109.** TAXABLE INCOME. "Taxable income" means
- 17 federal base income after making the additions, subtractions,
- 18 apportionments, and allocations provided under this title.
- 19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 110. TAXABLE YEAR. "Taxable year" means the
- 20 taxpayer's taxable year as defined under the internal revenue code.
- 21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 111.** TAXPAYER. "Taxpayer" means a person
- 22 receiving income subject to tax under this title.
- 23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 112. DEFINITION OF TERMS GENERALLY. Except as
- 24 provided in sections 101 through 111 of this act, any term used in this
- 25 title has the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in the
- 26 internal revenue code.

1 PART II

## 2 INCOME TAX--TAXABLE INCOME MODIFICATIONS

- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 201.** INTRODUCTORY. In computing taxable
- 4 income, modifications shall be made to the taxpayer's federal base
- 5 income as required under this Part, unless the modification has the
- 6 effect of duplicating an item of income or deduction.
- 7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 202. CARRY-OVERS. Add amounts that have been
- 8 deducted in computing federal base income to the extent the amounts
- 9 have been carried over from taxable years ending before the effective
- 10 date of this act.
- 11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 203. CARRYBACKS. Add amounts that have been
- 12 deducted in computing federal base income to the extent the amounts
- 13 have been carried back from future taxable years.
- 14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 204.** STATE AND LOCAL INCOME TAXES. Add taxes
- 15 on or measured by net income that have been deducted under the internal
- 16 revenue code in computing federal base income.
- 17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 205.** STATE AND LOCAL OBLIGATIONS. (1) Add
- 18 gross income that has been excluded under section 103 of the internal
- 19 revenue code in computing federal base income, except gross income
- 20 derived from obligations of the state of Washington or political
- 21 subdivisions of the state of Washington.
- 22 (2) Subtract any expenses incurred in the production of amounts
- 23 added under subsection (1) of this section, to the extent the expenses
- 24 have not been deducted in computing federal base income.

- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 206.** DEDUCTIONS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW. (1)
- 2 Subtract gross income that the state is prohibited from taxing under
- 3 the Constitution or laws of the United States, to the extent the gross
- 4 income was included in computing federal base income.
- 5 (2) Add any expenses incurred in the production of amounts
- 6 subtracted under subsection (1) of this section, to the extent the
- 7 expenses have been deducted in computing federal base income.
- 8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 207. TAX RETURNS FOR FRACTIONAL YEAR. (1) If
- 9 the first taxable year of any taxpayer with respect to which a tax is
- 10 imposed by this title ends before December 31st of the calendar year in
- 11 which this title becomes effective, referred to in this section as a
- 12 fractional taxable year, the taxable income for the fractional taxable
- 13 year shall be the taxpayer's taxable income for the entire taxable
- 14 year, adjusted by one of the following methods, at the taxpayer's
- 15 election:
- 16 (a) The taxable income shall be multiplied by a fraction. The
- 17 numerator of the fraction is the number of days in the fractional
- 18 taxable year. The denominator of the fraction is the number of days in
- 19 the entire taxable year.
- 20 (b) The taxable income shall be adjusted, in accordance with rules
- 21 of the department, so as to include only such income and be reduced
- 22 only by such deductions as can be clearly determined from the permanent
- 23 records of the taxpayer to be attributable to the fractional taxable
- 24 year.
- 25 (2) If an individual taxpayer's taxable income is adjusted under
- 26 subsection (1) of this section, the deduction amounts allowed under
- 27 section 402 of this act for the taxpayer shall be reduced by
- 28 multiplying the amount of the exemption by a fraction. The numerator of
- 29 the fraction is the number of days in the taxpayer's fractional taxable

- 1 year. The denominator of the fraction is the number of days in the
- 2 entire taxable year.
- 3 PART III
- 4 INCOME TAX--DIVISION OF INCOME, MODIFICATIONS, AND CREDITS
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 301.** APPORTIONMENT AND ALLOCATION OF INCOME--
- 6 INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS. (1) For resident individuals,
- 7 estates, and trusts, all income shall be apportioned and allocated to
- 8 this state.
- 9 (2) For nonresident individuals, estates, and trusts, income
- 10 derived from sources within this state shall be apportioned and
- 11 allocated to this state. For purposes of this title:
- 12 (a) The adjusted gross income of a nonresident derived from sources
- 13 within this state is the net amount of items of income, gain, loss, and
- 14 deduction of the nonresident's federal adjusted gross income that are
- 15 derived from or connected with sources in this state including any
- 16 distributive share of partnership income and deductions, and any share
- 17 of estate or trust income and deductions, including any unrelated
- 18 business income of an otherwise exempt trust or organization.
- 19 (b) Items of income, gain, loss, and deduction derived from or
- 20 connected with sources within this state are those items attributable
- 21 to the ownership or disposition of any interest in real or tangible
- 22 personal property in this state, and a business, trade, profession, or
- 23 occupation carried on within this state. The department shall issue
- 24 rules to provide consistency of this section with the excise tax
- 25 provisions.
- 26 (c) Deduction with respect to expenses, capital losses, and net
- 27 operating losses shall be based solely on income, gains, losses, and
- 28 deductions derived from or connected with sources in this state but

- 1 shall otherwise be determined in the same manner as the corresponding
- 2 federal deduction except as provided in this title.
- 3 (d) Income from intangible personal property, including annuities,
- 4 dividends, interest, and gains from the disposition of intangible
- 5 personal property, constitutes income derived from sources within the
- 6 state of Washington only to the extent that such income is from
- 7 property employed in a business, trade, profession, or occupation
- 8 carried on within this state: PROVIDED, That distributed and
- 9 undistributed income of an electing S corporation for federal tax
- 10 purposes derived from or connected with sources within this state is
- 11 income derived from sources within this state for a nonresident
- 12 shareholder. A net operating loss of such corporation does constitute
- 13 a loss or deduction connected with sources within this state for a
- 14 nonresident shareholder.
- 15 (e) Compensation paid by the United States for service in the armed
- 16 forces of the United States performed in this state by a nonresident
- 17 does not constitute income derived from sources within this state.
- 18 (f) If a business, trade, profession, or occupation is carried on
- 19 partly within and partly without this state, the determination of net
- 20 income derived or connected with sources within this state as provided
- 21 in this section, shall be made by apportionment and allocation under
- 22 chapter 82.56 RCW.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 302. ESTATES, TRUSTS, AND BENEFICIARIES. (1)
- 24 The taxable incomes of estates, trusts, and beneficiaries thereof shall
- 25 be computed by including a share of the modifications under Part II and
- 26 sections 301 and 302 of this act and the credits allowed under section
- 27 403 of this act.
- 28 Each taxpayer's share of a modification or credit is the amount of
- 29 modification or credit multiplied by a fraction. The numerator of the

- 1 fraction is the taxpayer's share of the distributable net income of the
- 2 estate or trust. The denominator of the fraction is the total
- 3 distributable net income of the estate or trust. The fraction shall
- 4 never be greater than one.
- 5 (2) As used in this section, "distributable net income" means
- 6 distributable net income as defined in the internal revenue code. If
- 7 an estate or trust has no federal distributable net income, the term
- 8 means the income of the estate or trust which is distributed or is
- 9 required to be distributed during the taxable year under local law or
- 10 the terms of the estate or trust instrument.
- 11 (3) Any portion of a modification that is not included in
- 12 calculating the taxable incomes of the beneficiaries shall be included
- 13 in calculating the taxable income of the trust or estate.
- 14 PART IV
- 15 INCOME TAX--RATES AND CREDITS
- 16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 401. PERSONAL INCOME TAX IMPOSED. (1) A
- 17 regular tax and an additional tax are imposed on taxable income of
- 18 individuals, estates, and trusts as provided in this section.
- 19 (2) The standard deductions and personal exemptions provided in
- 20 section 402 of this act are allowed in computing taxable income for the
- 21 regular tax. The regular tax is equal to taxable income multiplied by
- 22 the rate of four and one-tenth percent.
- 23 (3) A deduction of one hundred thousand dollars is allowed in
- 24 computing taxable income for the additional tax. The additional tax is
- 25 equal to taxable income multiplied by the rate of two and four-tenths
- 26 percent.
- 27 (4) The taxes imposed in this section shall never be less than
- 28 zero.

- 1 NEW SECTION. Sec. 402. STANDARD DEDUCTION--PERSONAL EXEMPTION.
- 2 The following standard deductions and personal exemption deductions are
- 3 allowed in determining the regular tax under section 401(2) of this
- 4 act:
- 5 (1) The standard deduction for an individual is:
- 6 (a) Fifteen thousand dollars for a joint return or a surviving
- 7 spouse;
- 8 (b) Thirteen thousand two hundred dollars for a head of household;
- 9 (c) Nine thousand dollars for an individual who is not married and
- 10 who is not a surviving spouse or head of household;
- 11 (d) Seven thousand five hundred dollars for a married individual
- 12 filing a separate return.
- 13 (2) A personal exemption deduction in the amount of three thousand
- 14 seven hundred fifty dollars is allowed for each individual for whom a
- 15 personal exemption deduction is allowed for federal income tax
- 16 purposes.
- 17 (3) The deductions from adjusted gross income allowed under this
- 18 section for individual taxpayers who are not residents of this state
- 19 for the entire taxable year shall be reduced by multiplying the amount
- 20 of the deductions by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the
- 21 taxpayer's adjusted gross income attributable to sources within the
- 22 state of Washington. The denominator of the fraction is the taxpayer's
- 23 adjusted gross income from all sources. The fraction shall never be
- 24 greater than one.
- 25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 403.** CREDIT FOR INCOME TAXES DUE ANOTHER
- 26 JURISDICTION. (1) The intent of this section is to prevent double
- 27 taxation of income potentially subject to tax in both Washington and
- 28 another jurisdiction.

- 1 (2) As used in this section, "another jurisdiction" means another
- 2 state or foreign country, or a political subdivision of another state
- 3 or foreign country.
- 4 (3) A resident individual, estate, or trust is allowed a credit
- 5 against the tax imposed under this title, equal to the lesser of:
- 6 (a) The amount of tax paid to another jurisdiction on net income
- 7 derived from sources within the other jurisdiction; or
- 8 (b) The amount of tax due under this title, before application of
- 9 credits allowable by this title, multiplied by a fraction. The
- 10 numerator of the fraction is the amount of the taxpayer's adjusted
- 11 gross income subject to tax in the other jurisdiction. The denominator
- 12 of the fraction is the taxpayer's total adjusted gross income as
- 13 modified under Part II of this act. The fraction shall never be
- 14 greater than one.
- 15 (4) If the laws of another jurisdiction contain a provision
- 16 exempting a resident of Washington from net income taxes on income
- 17 derived from sources in that jurisdiction, the director is authorized
- 18 to enter into a reciprocal agreement with that jurisdiction providing
- 19 a similar tax exemption for residents of that jurisdiction for income
- 20 derived from sources within Washington.
- 21 (5) The amount of tax credits received by any taxpayer under this
- 22 section shall not exceed the total amount of tax due, and there shall
- 23 be no carryback or carryforward of any unused credits.
- 24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 404. DUAL RESIDENCE. If an individual is
- 25 regarded as a resident both of this state and another jurisdiction for
- 26 state personal income tax purposes, the department shall reduce the tax
- 27 on that portion of the individual's income that is subjected to tax in
- 28 both jurisdictions solely by virtue of dual residence, if the other
- 29 taxing jurisdiction allows a similar reduction. The reduction shall

- 1 equal the lower of the two taxes applicable to the income taxed twice,
- 2 multiplied by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the tax
- 3 imposed by this state on the income taxed twice. The denominator of the
- 4 fraction is the tax imposed by both jurisdictions on the income taxed
- 5 twice. The fraction shall never be greater than one.
- 6 PART V
- 7 INCOME TAX--WITHHOLDING AND ESTIMATED TAX
- 8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 501. EMPLOYER WITHHOLDING--REQUIREMENTS. (1)
- 9 Every employer making a payment of wages or salaries earned in this
- 10 state, regardless of the place where the payment is made, and who is
- 11 required by the internal revenue code to withhold taxes, shall deduct
- 12 and withhold tax as prescribed by the department by rule. The rules
- 13 prescribed shall reasonably reflect the annual tax liability under this
- 14 title of the employee under this title. Every employer making such a
- 15 deduction and withholding shall furnish to the employee a record of the
- 16 amount of tax deducted and withheld from the employee on forms provided
- 17 by the department.
- 18 (2) If the employee is a resident of this state and earns income
- 19 from personal services entirely performed in another state that imposes
- 20 an income tax on the income, and the employer withholds income taxes
- 21 under the laws of the state in which the income is earned, the employer
- 22 is not required to withhold any tax imposed by this title on the income
- 23 if the laws of the state in which the income is earned allow a similar
- 24 exemption for its residents who earn income in this state.
- 25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 502.** LIABILITY OF EMPLOYER FOR TAX WITHHELD.
- 26 Any person required to deduct and withhold the tax imposed by this
- 27 title is liable to the department for the payment of the amount

- 1 deducted and withheld, and is not liable to any other person for the
- 2 amount of tax deducted and withheld under this title or for the act of
- 3 withholding. The amount of tax so deducted and withheld shall be held
- 4 to be a special fund in trust for this state.
- 5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 503. CREDIT FOR TAX WITHHELD--HOW CLAIMED. The
- 6 amount deducted and withheld as tax under section 501 of this act
- 7 during any taxable year shall be allowed as a credit against the tax
- 8 imposed for the taxable year by this title. If the liability of any
- 9 individual for taxes, interest, penalties, or other amounts due the
- 10 state of Washington is less than the total amount of the credit that
- 11 the individual is entitled to claim under this section, the individual
- 12 is entitled to a refund from the department in the amount of the excess
- 13 of the credit over the amounts otherwise due. If any individual
- 14 entitled to claim a credit under this section is not otherwise required
- 15 by this title to file a return, a refund may be obtained in the amount
- 16 of the credit by filing a return, with applicable sections completed,
- 17 to claim the refund. No credit or refund is allowed under this section
- 18 unless the credit or refund is claimed on a return filed for the
- 19 taxable year for which the amount was deducted and withheld.
- 20 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 504.** WITHHOLDING--FAILURE TO PAY OR COLLECT--
- 21 PENALTIES. (1) The tax required by this title to be collected by the
- 22 employer shall be deemed to be held in trust by the employer until paid
- 23 to the department.
- 24 (2) In case any employer, or a responsible person within the
- 25 meaning of section 6672 of the internal revenue code, fails to collect
- 26 the tax imposed by this title or having collected the tax fails to pay
- 27 it to the department, the employer or responsible person shall,
- 28 nevertheless, be personally liable to the state for the amount of the

- 1 tax. The interest and penalty provisions of chapter 82.32 RCW apply to
- 2 this section.
- 3 NEW SECTION. Sec. 505. ESTIMATED TAX IMPOSED--DUE DATE OF
- 4 ESTIMATED TAXES--AMOUNT OF ESTIMATED TAX--UNDERPAYMENT PENALTY. (1)
- 5 Each taxpayer who is required by the internal revenue code to make
- 6 payment of estimated taxes shall pay to the department on forms
- 7 prescribed by the department the estimated taxes due under this title.
- 8 (2) The provisions of the internal revenue code relating to the
- 9 determination of reporting periods and due dates of payments of
- 10 estimated tax apply to the estimated tax payments due under this
- 11 section.
- 12 (3) The amount of the estimated tax shall be the annualized tax
- 13 divided by the number of months in the reporting period. No estimated
- 14 tax shall be due if the annualized tax is less than five hundred
- 15 dollars. The provisions of RCW 82.32.050 and 82.32.090 shall apply to
- 16 underpayments of estimated tax but shall not apply to underpayments if
- 17 the tax remitted to the department under this Part is either ninety
- 18 percent of the tax shown on the return or one hundred percent of the
- 19 tax shown on the previous year's tax return.
- 20 (4) For purposes of this section, the annualized tax is the
- 21 taxpayer's projected tax liability for the taxable year as computed
- 22 under section 6654 of the internal revenue code and the regulations
- 23 thereunder.
- 24 PART VI
- 25 INCOME TAX--ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 601. METHOD OF ACCOUNTING. (1) A taxpayer's
- 27 method of accounting for purposes of the tax imposed under this title

- 1 shall be the same as the taxpayer's method of accounting for federal
- 2 income tax purposes. If no method of accounting has been regularly
- 3 used by a taxpayer for federal income tax purposes or if the method
- 4 used does not clearly reflect income, tax due under this title shall be
- 5 computed by a method of accounting that in the opinion of the
- 6 department fairly reflects income.
- 7 (2) If a person's method of accounting is changed for federal
- 8 income tax purposes, it shall be similarly changed for purposes of this
- 9 title.
- 10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 602.** PERSONS REQUIRED TO FILE RETURNS. (1)
- 11 All taxpayers shall file with the department, on forms prescribed by
- 12 the department, an income tax return for each taxable year. Ar
- 13 individual owing no tax for a taxable year is not required to file a
- 14 return for that year. Each person required to file a return under this
- 15 title shall, without assessment, notice, or demand, pay any tax due
- 16 thereon to the department on or before the date fixed for the filing of
- 17 the return.
- 18 (2) The department may by rule require that certain taxpayers file,
- 19 on forms prescribed by the department, informational returns for any
- 20 period.
- 21 (3) In the event an adjustment to a taxpayer's federal return is
- 22 made by the taxpayer or the internal revenue service, the taxpayer
- 23 shall, within ninety days of the final determination of the adjustment
- 24 by the internal revenue service or within thirty days of the filing of
- 25 a federal return adjusted by the taxpayer, file with the department on
- 26 forms prescribed by the department, a corrected return reflecting the
- 27 adjustments as finally determined. The taxpayer shall pay any
- 28 additional tax due resulting from the finally determined internal
- 29 revenue service adjustment or a taxpayer adjustment without notice and

- 1 assessment. Notwithstanding any provision of this title or any other
- 2 title to the contrary, the period of limitation for the collection of
- 3 the additional tax, interest and penalty due as a result of an
- 4 adjustment by the taxpayer or a finally determined internal revenue
- 5 service adjustment shall begin at the later of thirty days following
- 6 the final determination of the adjustment or the date of the filing of
- 7 the corrected return.
- 8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 603. DUE DATE FOR FILING A RETURN--EXTENSIONS--
- 9 INTEREST AND PENALTIES. The due date of a return required to be filed
- 10 with the department shall be the due date of the federal income tax
- 11 return or informational return for federal income tax purposes. The
- 12 department shall have the authority to grant extensions of times by
- 13 which returns required to be filed by this title may be submitted. The
- 14 department shall also have the authority to grant extensions of time to
- 15 pay tax with regard to taxes imposed by this title. Interest at the
- 16 rate as specified in RCW 82.32.050 shall accrue during any extension
- 17 period and the interest and penalty provisions of chapter 82.32 RCW
- 18 shall apply to late payments and deficiencies. Notwithstanding the
- 19 limitation of RCW 82.32.090, in the case of the late filing of an
- 20 informational return, there shall be imposed a penalty the amount of
- 21 which shall be established by the department by rule. The penalty
- 22 shall not exceed fifty dollars per month for a maximum of ten months.
- 23 RCW 82.32.105 shall apply to this section.
- 24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 604. JOINT RETURN. (1) If the federal income
- 25 tax liabilities of both spouses are determined on a joint federal
- 26 return for the taxable year, they shall file a joint return under this
- 27 title.

- 1 (2) If neither spouse is required to file a federal income tax
- 2 return for the taxable year, a joint return shall be filed under this
- 3 title under the same conditions under which a joint return may be filed
- 4 for purposes of the federal income tax.
- 5 (3) If the federal income tax liability of either spouse is
- 6 determined on a separate federal return for the taxable year, they
- 7 shall file separate returns under this title.
- 8 (4) In any case in which a joint return is filed under this
- 9 section, the liability of the husband and wife is joint and several,
- 10 unless the spouse is relieved of liability under section 6013 of the
- 11 internal revenue code.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 605.** RECORDS--RETURNS. (1) Every taxpayer and
- 13 every person required to deduct and withhold the tax imposed under this
- 14 title shall keep records, render statements, make returns, file
- 15 reports, and perform other acts as the department requires by rule.
- 16 Each return shall be made under penalty of perjury and on forms
- 17 prescribed by the department. The department may require other
- 18 statements and reports be made under penalty of perjury and on forms
- 19 prescribed by the department. The department may require any taxpayer
- 20 and any person required to deduct and withhold the tax imposed under
- 21 this title to furnish to the department a correct copy of any return or
- 22 document that the taxpayer has filed with the internal revenue service
- 23 or received from the internal revenue service.
- 24 (2) All books and records and other papers and documents required
- 25 to be kept under this title are subject to inspection by the department
- 26 at all times during business hours of the day.
- 27 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 606.** PROVISIONS OF INTERNAL REVENUE CODE
- 28 CONTROL. (1) To the extent possible without being inconsistent with

- 1 this title, all of the provisions of the internal revenue code relating
- 2 to the following subjects apply to the taxes imposed under this title:
- 3 (a) Time of payment of tax deducted and withheld under section 501
- 4 of this act;
- 5 (b) Liability of transferees;
- 6 (c) Time and manner of making returns, extensions of time for
- 7 filing returns, verification of returns, and the time when a return is
- 8 deemed filed.
- 9 (2) The department by rule may provide modifications and exceptions
- 10 to the provisions listed in subsection (1) of this section, if
- 11 reasonably necessary to facilitate the prompt, efficient, and equitable
- 12 collection of tax under this title.
- 13 **Sec. 607.** RCW 41.40.380 and 1989 c 360 s 27 are each amended to
- 14 read as follows:
- 15 EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION AND JUDICIAL PROCESS--EXCEPTIONS--
- 16 ASSIGNABILITY--DEDUCTIONS AUTHORIZED. (1) Subject to subsections (2)
- 17 and (3) of this section, the right of a person to a pension, an
- 18 annuity, or retirement allowance, any optional benefit, any other right
- 19 accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this chapter,
- 20 the various funds created by this chapter, and all moneys and
- 21 investments and income thereof, are hereby exempt from any state,
- 22 county, municipal, or other local tax, and shall not be subject to
- 23 execution, garnishment, attachment, the operation of bankruptcy or
- 24 insolvency laws, or other process of law whatsoever, and shall be
- 25 unassignable.
- 26 (2) This section shall not be deemed to prohibit a beneficiary of
- 27 a retirement allowance from authorizing deductions therefrom for
- 28 payment of premiums due on any group insurance policy or plan issued
- 29 for the benefit of a group comprised of public employees of the state

- 1 of Washington or its political subdivisions and which has been approved
- 2 for deduction in accordance with rules and regulations that may be
- 3 promulgated by the state health care authority and/or the department of
- 4 retirement systems, and this section shall not be deemed to prohibit a
- 5 beneficiary of a retirement allowance from authorizing deductions
- 6 therefrom for payment of dues and other membership fees to any
- 7 retirement association or organization the membership of which is
- 8 composed of retired public employees, if a total of three hundred or
- 9 more of such retired employees have authorized such deduction for
- 10 payment to the same retirement association or organization.
- 11 (3) Subsection (1) of this section shall not prohibit the
- 12 department of retirement systems from complying with (a) a wage
- 13 assignment order for child support issued pursuant to chapter 26.18
- 14 RCW, (b) an order to withhold and deliver issued pursuant to chapter
- 15 74.20A RCW, (c) a notice of payroll deduction issued pursuant to RCW
- 16 26.23.060, (d) a mandatory benefits assignment order issued pursuant to
- 17 chapter 41.50 RCW, or (e) any administrative or court order expressly
- 18 authorized by federal law.
- 19 (4) Subsection (1) of this section does not exempt any pension or
- 20 other benefit received under this chapter from tax under Title 82A RCW
- 21 (Parts I through V of this act and sections 601 through 606 and 608
- 22 through 610 of this act), nor does it prohibit the department of
- 23 retirement systems from complying with the tax withholding requirements
- 24 of that title.
- 25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 608.** REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS--OTHER
- 26 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS. (1) The department shall refund all taxes
- 27 improperly paid or collected.
- 28 (2) The following sections apply to the administration of taxes
- 29 imposed under this title: RCW 82.32.020, 82.32.050, 82.32.060,

- 1 82.32.070, 82.32.090, 82.32.100, 82.32.105, 82.32.110, 82.32.120,
- 2 82.32.130, 82.32.140, 82.32.150, 82.32.160, 82.32.170, 82.32.180,
- 3 82.32.190, 82.32.200, 82.32.210, 82.32.220, 82.32.230, 82.32.235,
- 4 82.32.237, 82.32.240, 82.32.245, 82.32.260, 82.32.265, 82.32.300,
- 5 82.32.310, 82.32.320, 82.32.330, 82.32.340, 82.32.350, 82.32.360, and
- 6 82.32.380.
- 7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 609. RULES. The department may adopt rules
- 8 under chapter 34.05 RCW for the administration and enforcement of this
- 9 title. The rules, to the extent possible without being inconsistent
- 10 with this title, shall follow the internal revenue code and the
- 11 regulations and rulings of the United States department of the treasury
- 12 with respect to the federal income tax. The department may adopt as a
- 13 part of these rules any portions of the internal revenue code and
- 14 treasury department regulations and rulings, in whole or in part.
- 15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 610.** CRIMES. (1) Any person who knowingly
- 16 attempts to evade the tax imposed under this title or payment thereof
- 17 is guilty of a class C felony as provided in chapter 9A.20 RCW.
- 18 (2) Any person required to collect tax imposed under this title who
- 19 knowingly fails to collect, truthfully account for, or pay over the tax
- 20 is guilty of a class C felony as provided in chapter 9A.20 RCW.
- 21 (3) Any person who knowingly fails to pay tax, pay estimated tax,
- 22 make returns, keep records, or supply information, as required under
- 23 this title, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor as provided in chapter
- 24 9A.20 RCW.
- 25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 611.** CODIFICATION. Parts I through V of this
- 26 act and sections 601 through 606, and 608 through 610 of this act shall
- 27 constitute a new title, to be codified as Title 82A RCW.

1 PART VII

## 2 INCOME TAX--APPEALS

- 3 Sec. 701. RCW 82.03.130 and 1989 c 378 s 4 are each amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 APPEALS TO BOARD--JURISDICTION AS TO TYPES OF APPEALS. The board
- 6 shall have jurisdiction to decide the following types of appeals:
- 7 (1) Appeals taken pursuant to RCW 82.03.190.
- 8 (2) Appeals from a county board of equalization pursuant to RCW
- 9 84.08.130.
- 10 (3) Appeals by an assessor or landowner from an order of the
- 11 director of revenue made pursuant to RCW 84.08.010 and 84.08.060, if
- 12 filed with the board of tax appeals within thirty days after the
- 13 mailing of the order, the right to such an appeal being hereby
- 14 established.
- 15 (4) Appeals by an assessor or owner of an intercounty public
- 16 utility or private car company from determinations by the director of
- 17 revenue of equalized assessed valuation of property and the
- 18 apportionment thereof to a county made pursuant to chapter 84.12 RCW
- 19 and 84.16 RCW, if filed with the board of tax appeals within thirty
- 20 days after mailing of the determination, the right to such appeal being
- 21 hereby established.
- 22 (5) Appeals by an assessor, landowner, or owner of an intercounty
- 23 public utility or private car company from a determination of any
- 24 county indicated ratio for such county compiled by the department of
- 25 revenue pursuant to RCW 84.48.075: PROVIDED, That
- 26 (a) Said appeal be filed after review of the ratio under RCW
- 27 84.48.075(3) and not later than fifteen days after the mailing of the
- 28 certification; and

- 1 (b) The hearing before the board shall be expeditiously held in
- 2 accordance with rules prescribed by the board and shall take precedence
- 3 over all matters of the same character.
- 4 (6) Appeals from the decisions of sale price of second class
- 5 shorelands on navigable lakes by the department of natural resources
- 6 pursuant to RCW 79.94.210.
- 7 (7) Appeals from urban redevelopment property tax apportionment
- 8 district proposals established by governmental ordinances pursuant to
- 9 RCW 39.88.060.
- 10 (8) Appeals from interest rates as determined by the department of
- 11 revenue for use in valuing farmland under current use assessment
- 12 pursuant to RCW 84.34.065.
- 13 (9) Appeals from revisions to stumpage value tables used to
- 14 determine value by the department of revenue pursuant to RCW 84.33.091.
- 15 (10) Appeals from denial of tax exemption application by the
- 16 department of revenue pursuant to RCW 84.36.850.
- 17 (11) Appeals relating to income tax deficiencies and refunds
- 18 including penalties and interest under Title 82A RCW (Parts I through
- 19 V of this act and sections 601 through 606 and 608 through 610 of this
- 20 <u>act).</u>
- 21 **Sec. 702.** RCW 82.03.140 and 1988 c 222 s 4 are each amended to
- 22 read as follows:
- 23 ELECTION OF FORMAL OR INFORMAL HEARING. In all appeals over which
- 24 the board has jurisdiction under RCW 82.03.130, a party taking an
- 25 appeal may elect either a formal or an informal hearing, such election
- 26 to be made according to rules of practice and procedure to be
- 27 promulgated by the board: PROVIDED, That nothing shall prevent the
- 28 assessor or taxpayer, as a party to an appeal pursuant to RCW
- 29 84.08.130, within twenty days from the date of the receipt of the

- 1 notice of appeal, from filing with the clerk of the board notice of
- 2 intention that the hearing be a formal one: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That
- 3 nothing herein shall be construed to modify the provisions of RCW
- 4 82.03.190: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That upon an appeal under RCW
- 5 82.03.130 (5) or (6), the director of revenue may, within ten days from
- 6 the date of its receipt of the notice of appeal, file with the clerk of
- 7 the board notice of its ((intention that the hearing be held pursuant
- 8 to chapter 34.04 RCW)) election of a formal hearing. In the event that
- 9 appeals are taken from the same decision, order, or determination, as
- 10 the case may be, by different parties and only one of such parties
- 11 elects a formal hearing, a formal hearing shall be granted.
- 12 PART VIII
- 13 MISCELLANEOUS
- 14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 801.** SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of
- 15 this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held
- 16 invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision
- 17 to other persons or circumstances is not affected.
- 18 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 802. CAPTIONS AND HEADINGS. Captions and part
- 19 headings as used in this act constitute no part of the law.
- 20 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 803. Parts I through VII of this act shall take
- 21 effect January 1, 1992, if the proposed amendment to Article VII of the
- 22 state Constitution authorizing an income tax is validly submitted and
- 23 is approved and ratified by the voters at a general election held in
- 24 November 1991. If the proposed amendment is not so approved and
- 25 ratified, this act shall be null and void in its entirety.