

SSB 5096 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-1657.6/21) **421**
By Senator Brown

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1 On page 13, beginning on line 17, strike all of section 205 and
2 insert the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 205.** The legislature finds that while
4 considering potential modifications to the tax code, the legislature
5 should be mindful of the people's history of rejecting all forms of
6 income tax, resoundingly. On 10 separate occasions, Washington voters
7 have voted down income tax proposals. The following resolutions to
8 impose an income tax have failed:

9 (1) House Joint Resolution No. 12 in 1934, failed with 57 percent
10 of the votes;

11 (2) Senate Joint Resolution No. 7 in 1936, failed with 78 percent
12 of the votes;

13 (3) Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 in 1938, failed with 67 percent
14 of the votes;

15 (4) Constitutional amendment, Article VII, section 2 in 1942,
16 failed with 66 percent of the votes;

17 (5) Initiative to the people No. 158 in 1944, failed with 70
18 percent of the votes;

19 (6) House Joint Resolution No. 42 in 1970, failed with 68 percent
20 of the votes;

21 (7) House Joint Resolution No. 37 in 1973, failed with 77 percent
22 of the votes;

23 (8) Initiative to the people No. 314 in 1975, failed with 67
24 percent of the votes;

25 (9) Initiative to the people No. 435 in 1982, failed with 66
26 percent of the votes; and

27 (10) Initiative to the people No. 1098 in 2010, failed with 64
28 percent of the votes.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 206.** The secretary of state shall submit this
30 act to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection,
31 at the next general election to be held in this state, in accordance

1 with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws
2 adopted to facilitate its operation."

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3 On page 13, beginning on line 26, after "and" strike all material
4 through "emergency" on line 27 and insert "providing for submission
5 of this act to a vote of the people"

EFFECT: Adds a referendum clause and a new section listing prior
resolutions to impose an income tax.

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