

HJR 37 -- STATE APPROPRIATIONS

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Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment prohibits appropriations in any fiscal year from exceeding the total state general revenue appropriations from the previous year by more than the appropriations growth limit.

In any fiscal year when the net general revenue collections are more than 1% of the total state general revenue appropriations allowed, the lowest state income tax rate in effect is permanently eliminated until there is only one single rate in effect. The Commissioner of Administration must notify the Director of the Department of Revenue to reduce such rates, adjust corresponding income tax returns to reflect the reduction, and direct the Reviser of Statutes to note such changes in the published statutes.

For each fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the final rate elimination has occurred, the Commissioner of Administration records the amount by which net general revenue collections exceeded total state general revenue appropriations. When the amount recorded exceeds total state general revenue appropriations by 2.5%, the top state income tax rate is reduced by .25%. The Commissioner of Administration performs this calculation and rate reduction beginning in each fiscal year following a fiscal year in which a rate reduction occurred until the top state income tax rate is eliminated.

This bill is the same as SJR 12 (2017) and similar to HCS HJR 56 (2016).