

INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATURE -- *To the Honorable Kim Wyman, Secretary of State of the State of Washington:* We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Washington, respectfully direct that this petition and the proposed measure known as Initiative Measure No. 1408, and entitled, "Initiative Measure No. 1408 concerns state, county, and city taxes. This measure would prohibit the state, counties, and cities from imposing or collecting taxes it describes as "based on personal income," and repeal a tax on certain sales of long-term capital assets," a full, true, and correct copy of which is printed on the reverse side of this petition, be transmitted to the legislature of the State of Washington at its next ensuing regular session and we respectfully petition the legislature to enact said proposed measure into law; and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington in the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.



TELL OLYMPIA:

No Taxes Based on Personal Income

Ballot Title

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 1408 concerns state, county, and city taxes.

Concise Description: This measure would prohibit the state, counties, and cities from imposing or collecting taxes it describes as "based on personal income," and repeal a tax on certain sales of long-term capital assets.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes No

Ballot Measure Summary

This measure would create a new statutory prohibition on the state, counties, and cities imposing or collecting taxes "based on personal income," including any type or portion of income. It would apply to taxes on taxpayers and taxpayers' employers, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other names. It would repeal a recently-enacted state excise tax on certain sales or exchanges of long-term capital assets, which it would treat as "based on personal income."

Printed Name of Voter (registered voters only)	Signature of Voter	Birthdate (for verification)	Your Home Address	City	County
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WARNING: Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, signs this petition when he or she is not a legal voter, or makes any false statement on this petition may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

Help us get as many signatures as you can. Then fold this partially or fully-filled petition, put it in an envelope, and mail it (and please include your most generous donation check) to:

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To get more blank petition sheets, you can copy this petition or download the PDF (tinyurl.com/1408PetitionPDF) and get them printed locally (must be printed double sided on 11"x17" paper or else signatures won't be counted).

We have from now until December 30, 2021 to collect 400,000 signatures. We vote November 8, 2022. Prohibit All Income Taxes! Let voters decide on Nov. 8, 2022.

Last day to turn in petitions to Secretary of State: Dec. 30, 2021

Complete Text of I-1408: No Taxes Based on Personal Income Act

AN ACT Relating to taxes based on personal income in the State of Washington; adding a new section to chapter 82.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.23 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.13 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.18 RCW; creating new sections; and repealing RCW 82.--.--.

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

INTENT SECTION

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A bill prohibiting taxes based on personal income was introduced during the 2021 legislative session in Olympia. Unfortunately, it was not considered. Now, here, this initiative is being proposed so that the 2022 legislature will consider it. If that legislature does not pass this initiative into law, the voters may do so on November 8, 2022.

Washington voters have voted 10 times against state taxes based on personal income. The most recent time was in 2010, when large majorities of voters in all 39 counties — and 64 percent of voters, statewide — rejected Initiative 1098.

This initiative gives Washington voters the opportunity to reaffirm their strong, long-standing opposition to taxes based on personal income.

Opponents may say this initiative forever stops taxes based on personal income by state government. That's not true. This initiative institutes laws to stop such taxes but it cannot and does not stand in the way of the legislature proposing a constitutional amendment that authorizes such taxes with voter approval.

Opponents may say this initiative forever stops taxes based on personal income by counties, cities, and other local governments. That's not true. This initiative institutes laws to stop such taxes but it cannot and does not stand in the way of the legislature proposing a constitutional amendment that authorizes such taxes with voter approval.

Opponents may say this initiative eliminates business and occupation taxes. That's not true. Business and occupation taxes are based on gross receipts, not personal income, so are not affected by this initiative.

Opponents may say this initiative eliminates taxes based on personal income imposed by the 2021 Legislature and other similar taxes. It is true that this initiative repeals those taxes and prohibits the collection of revenue from those taxes because they are based on personal income. But this initiative cannot and does not stand in the way of the legislature proposing a constitutional amendment that authorizes such taxes with voter approval.

Great majorities of Washington voters consistently oppose taxes based on personal income — whether those taxes are called "income tax," "payroll tax," "excise tax" or any other name. This initiative confirms, clarifies and codifies that opposition.

STOPPING STATE TAXES BASED ON PERSONAL INCOME

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The state is prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

(2) Such a prohibition applies to taxes both imposed directly on taxpayers and imposed on taxpayers' employers.

(3) This prohibition is to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no authority for the state to impose or collect taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RCW 82.--.-- and 2021 c 196 (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5096) s 5 were taxes based on personal income and so each are repealed.

STOPPING COUNTY TAXES BASED ON PERSONAL INCOME

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 36.16 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any county is prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or other name.

(2) Such a prohibition applies to taxes both imposed directly on taxpayers and imposed on taxpayers' employers.

(3) This prohibition is to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no authority for any county to impose or collect taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 36.32 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any county is prohibited from imposing or collecting based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or other name.

(2) Such a prohibition applies to taxes both imposed directly on taxpayers and imposed on taxpayers' employers.

(3) This prohibition is to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no authority for any county to impose or collect taxes based on personal income,

whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

STOPPING CITY TAXES BASED ON PERSONAL INCOME

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 35.22 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any city is prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

(2) Such a prohibition applies to taxes both imposed directly on taxpayers and imposed on taxpayers' employers.

(3) This prohibition is to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no authority for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 35.23 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any city is prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

(2) Such a prohibition applies to taxes both imposed directly on taxpayers and imposed on taxpayers' employers.

(3) This prohibition is to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no authority for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 35.17 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any city is prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

(2) Such a prohibition applies to taxes both imposed directly on taxpayers and imposed on taxpayers' employers.

(3) This prohibition is to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no authority for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 35A.12 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any city is prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

(2) Such a prohibition applies to taxes both imposed directly on taxpayers and imposed on taxpayers' employers.

(3) This prohibition is to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no authority for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. A new section is added to chapter 35A.13 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any city is prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

(2) Such a prohibition applies to taxes both imposed directly on taxpayers and imposed on taxpayers' employers.

(3) This prohibition is to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no authority for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. A new section is added to chapter 35.18 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any city is prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

(2) Such a prohibition applies to taxes both imposed directly on taxpayers and imposed on taxpayers' employers.

(3) This prohibition is to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no authority for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income, whether called payroll taxes, excise taxes, or any other name.

CONSTRUCTION CLAUSE

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the policies, purposes, and intent of this act.

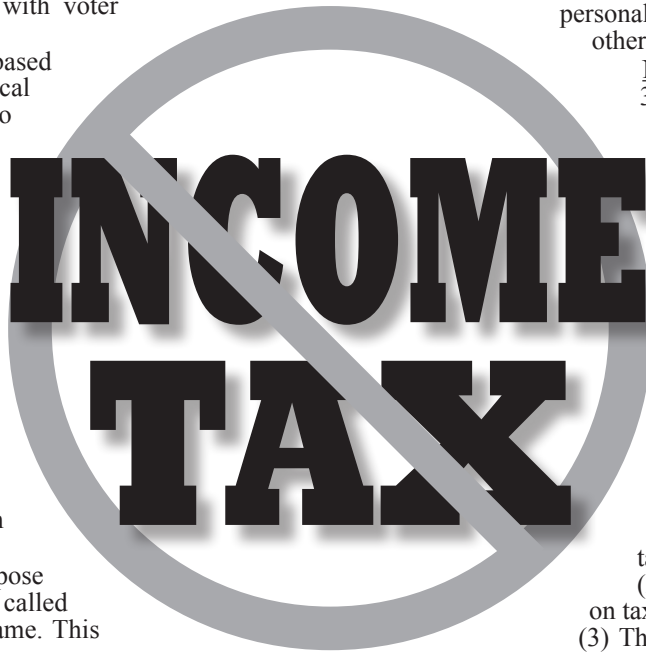
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. 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 ACT

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. This act is known and may be cited as the No Taxes Based on Personal Income Act.

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(FIRST NAME)

(LAST NAME)

I,

swear or affirm under penalty of law that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the information provided therewith is true and correct. I further acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

Signature _____

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