

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 170

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to income tax; declaring certain  
8 actions null and void; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Section  
9 2355, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 195,  
10 O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 2355);  
11 updating and conforming references; defining terms;  
12 adding specified duties for the State Board of  
13 Equalization related to imposition of certain top  
14 marginal income tax rate for specified time period;  
15 specifying certain threshold amount and mandating  
16 certain action related thereto; repealing Section 5,  
17 Chapter 195, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
18 2355.1G), which relates to top marginal income tax  
19 rate change; providing for codification; providing  
20 for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
23 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

24 Actions taken by the State Board of Equalization with respect to  
the provisions of Section 2355.1G of Title 68 of the Oklahoma  
Statutes are hereby declared null and void.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2355, as  
last amended by Section 2, Chapter 195, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp.  
2016, Section 2355), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 2355. A. Individuals. For all taxable years beginning  
2 after December 31, 1998, and before January 1, 2006, a tax is hereby  
3 imposed upon the Oklahoma taxable income of every resident or  
4 nonresident individual, which tax shall be computed at the option of  
5 the taxpayer under one of the two following methods:

6 1. METHOD 1.

7 a. Single individuals and married individuals filing  
8 separately not deducting federal income tax:

9 (1) 1/2% tax on first \$1,000.00 or part thereof,

10 (2) 1% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,

11 (3) 2% tax on next \$1,250.00 or part thereof,

12 (4) 3% tax on next \$1,150.00 or part thereof,

13 (5) 4% tax on next \$1,300.00 or part thereof,

14 (6) 5% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,

15 (7) 6% tax on next \$2,300.00 or part thereof, and

16 (8) (a) for taxable years beginning after December

17 31, 1998, and before January 1, 2002, 6.75%

18 tax on the remainder,

19 (b) for taxable years beginning on or after

20 January 1, 2002, and before January 1, 2004,

21 7% tax on the remainder, and

22 (c) for taxable years beginning on or after

23 January 1, 2004, 6.65% tax on the remainder.

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1           b. Married individuals filing jointly and surviving  
2 spouse to the extent and in the manner that a  
3 surviving spouse is permitted to file a joint return  
4 under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and  
5 heads of households as defined in the Internal Revenue  
6 Code not deducting federal income tax:

7           (1) 1/2% tax on first \$2,000.00 or part thereof,

8           (2) 1% tax on next \$3,000.00 or part thereof,

9           (3) 2% tax on next \$2,500.00 or part thereof,

10          (4) 3% tax on next \$2,300.00 or part thereof,

11          (5) 4% tax on next \$2,400.00 or part thereof,

12          (6) 5% tax on next \$2,800.00 or part thereof,

13          (7) 6% tax on next \$6,000.00 or part thereof, and

14          (8) (a) for taxable years beginning after December  
15                31, 1998, and before January 1, 2002, 6.75%  
16                tax on the remainder,

17               (b) for taxable years beginning on or after  
18                January 1, 2002, and before January 1, 2004,  
19                7% tax on the remainder, and

20               (c) for taxable years beginning on or after  
21                January 1, 2004, 6.65% tax on the remainder.

22           2. METHOD 2.

23           a. Single individuals and married individuals filing  
24           separately deducting federal income tax:

- 1 (1) 1/2% tax on first \$1,000.00 or part thereof,
- 2 (2) 1% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- 3 (3) 2% tax on next \$1,250.00 or part thereof,
- 4 (4) 3% tax on next \$1,150.00 or part thereof,
- 5 (5) 4% tax on next \$1,200.00 or part thereof,
- 6 (6) 5% tax on next \$1,400.00 or part thereof,
- 7 (7) 6% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- 8 (8) 7% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- 9 (9) 8% tax on next \$2,000.00 or part thereof,
- 10 (10) 9% tax on next \$3,500.00 or part thereof, and
- 11 (11) 10% tax on the remainder.

12 b. Married individuals filing jointly and surviving  
13 spouse to the extent and in the manner that a  
14 surviving spouse is permitted to file a joint return  
15 under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and  
16 heads of households as defined in the Internal Revenue  
17 Code deducting federal income tax:

- 18 (1) 1/2% tax on the first \$2,000.00 or part thereof,
- 19 (2) 1% tax on the next \$3,000.00 or part thereof,
- 20 (3) 2% tax on the next \$2,500.00 or part thereof,
- 21 (4) 3% tax on the next \$1,400.00 or part thereof,
- 22 (5) 4% tax on the next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- 23 (6) 5% tax on the next \$1,600.00 or part thereof,
- 24 (7) 6% tax on the next \$1,250.00 or part thereof,

- 1 (8) 7% tax on the next \$1,750.00 or part thereof,
- 2 (9) 8% tax on the next \$3,000.00 or part thereof,
- 3 (10) 9% tax on the next \$6,000.00 or part thereof, and
- 4 (11) 10% tax on the remainder.

5 B. Individuals. For all taxable years beginning on or after  
6 January 1, 2008, and ending any tax year which begins after December  
7 31, 2015, ~~for which the determination required pursuant to Sections~~  
8 ~~4 and 5 of this act is made by the State Board of Equalization,~~ a  
9 tax is hereby imposed upon the Oklahoma taxable income of every  
10 resident or nonresident individual, which tax shall be computed as  
11 follows:

12 1. Single individuals and married individuals filing  
13 separately:

- 14 (a) 1/2% tax on first \$1,000.00 or part thereof,
- 15 (b) 1% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- 16 (c) 2% tax on next \$1,250.00 or part thereof,
- 17 (d) 3% tax on next \$1,150.00 or part thereof,
- 18 (e) 4% tax on next \$2,300.00 or part thereof,
- 19 (f) 5% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- 20 (g) 5.50% tax on the remainder for the 2008 tax year and  
21 any subsequent tax year unless the rate prescribed by  
22 subparagraph (h) of this paragraph is in effect, and
- 23 (h) 5.25% tax on the remainder for the 2009 and subsequent  
24 tax years. The decrease in the top marginal

1 individual income tax rate otherwise authorized by  
2 this subparagraph shall be contingent upon the  
3 determination required to be made by the State Board  
4 of Equalization pursuant to Section 2355.1A of this  
5 title.

6 2. Married individuals filing jointly and surviving spouse to  
7 the extent and in the manner that a surviving spouse is permitted to  
8 file a joint return under the provisions of the Internal Revenue  
9 Code and heads of households as defined in the Internal Revenue  
10 Code:

- 11 (a) 1/2% tax on first \$2,000.00 or part thereof,
- 12 (b) 1% tax on next \$3,000.00 or part thereof,
- 13 (c) 2% tax on next \$2,500.00 or part thereof,
- 14 (d) 3% tax on next \$2,300.00 or part thereof,
- 15 (e) 4% tax on next \$2,400.00 or part thereof,
- 16 (f) 5% tax on next \$2,800.00 or part thereof,
- 17 (g) 5.50% tax on the remainder for the 2008 tax year and  
18 any subsequent tax year unless the rate prescribed by  
19 subparagraph (h) of this paragraph is in effect, and
- 20 (h) 5.25% tax on the remainder for the 2009 and subsequent  
21 tax years. The decrease in the top marginal  
22 individual income tax rate otherwise authorized by  
23 this subparagraph shall be contingent upon the  
24 determination required to be made by the State Board

1 of Equalization pursuant to Section 2355.1A of this  
2 title.

3 C. Individuals. For all taxable years beginning on or after  
4 January 1, 2016, and for which the determination required pursuant  
5 to ~~Sections 4 and 5~~ Section 3 of this act is made by the State Board  
6 of Equalization, a tax is hereby imposed upon the Oklahoma taxable  
7 income of every resident or nonresident individual, which tax shall  
8 be computed as follows:

9 1. Single individuals and married individuals filing  
10 separately:

11 (a) 1/2% tax on first \$1,000.00 or part thereof,

12 (b) 1% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,

13 (c) 2% tax on next \$1,250.00 or part thereof,

14 (d) 3% tax on next \$1,150.00 or part thereof,

15 (e) 4% tax on next \$2,300.00 or part thereof,

16 (f) 5% tax on the remainder ~~if the State Board of~~  
17 ~~Equalization makes a determination pursuant to Section~~  
18 ~~4 of this act~~ or four and eighty-five hundredths  
19 (4.85%) tax on the remainder if the State Board of  
20 Equalization makes a determination pursuant to Section  
21 ~~5~~ 3 of this act.

22 2. Married individuals filing jointly and surviving spouse to  
23 the extent and in the manner that a surviving spouse is permitted to  
24 file a joint return under the provisions of the Internal Revenue

1 Code and heads of households as defined in the Internal Revenue

2 Code:

3 (a) 1/2% tax on first \$2,000.00 or part thereof,

4 (b) 1% tax on next \$3,000.00 or part thereof,

5 (c) 2% tax on next \$2,500.00 or part thereof,

6 (d) 3% tax on next \$2,300.00 or part thereof,

7 (e) 4% tax on next \$2,400.00 or part thereof,

8 (f) 5% tax on the remainder ~~if the State Board of~~

9 ~~Equalization makes a determination pursuant to Section~~

10 ~~4 of this act~~ or four and eighty-five hundredths

11 percent (4.85%) tax on the remainder if the State

12 Board of Equalization makes a determination pursuant

13 to Section ~~5~~ 3 of this act.

14 No deduction for federal income taxes paid shall be allowed to

15 any taxpayer to arrive at taxable income.

16 D. Nonresident aliens. In lieu of the rates set forth in

17 subsection A above, there shall be imposed on nonresident aliens, as

18 defined in the Internal Revenue Code, a tax of eight percent (8%)

19 instead of thirty percent (30%) as used in the Internal Revenue

20 Code, with respect to the Oklahoma taxable income of such

21 nonresident aliens as determined under the provision of the Oklahoma

22 Income Tax Act.

23 Every payer of amounts covered by this subsection shall deduct

24 and withhold from such amounts paid each payee an amount equal to



1 eight percent (8%) thereof. Every payer required to deduct and  
2 withhold taxes under this subsection shall for each quarterly period  
3 on or before the last day of the month following the close of each  
4 such quarterly period, pay over the amount so withheld as taxes to  
5 the Tax Commission, and shall file a return with each such payment.  
6 Such return shall be in such form as the Tax Commission shall  
7 prescribe. Every payer required under this subsection to deduct and  
8 withhold a tax from a payee shall, as to the total amounts paid to  
9 each payee during the calendar year, furnish to such payee, on or  
10 before January 31<sup>7</sup>, of the succeeding year, a written statement  
11 showing the name of the payer, the name of the payee and the payee's  
12 social security account number, if any, the total amount paid  
13 subject to taxation, and the total amount deducted and withheld as  
14 tax and such other information as the Tax Commission may require.  
15 Any payer who fails to withhold or pay to the Tax Commission any  
16 sums herein required to be withheld or paid shall be personally and  
17 individually liable therefor to the State of Oklahoma.

18 E. Corporations. For all taxable years beginning after  
19 December 31, 1989, a tax is hereby imposed upon the Oklahoma taxable  
20 income of every corporation doing business within this state or  
21 deriving income from sources within this state in an amount equal to  
22 six percent (6%) thereof.

23 There shall be no additional Oklahoma income tax imposed on  
24 accumulated taxable income or on undistributed personal holding

1 company income as those terms are defined in the Internal Revenue  
2 Code.

3 F. Certain foreign corporations. In lieu of the tax imposed in  
4 the first paragraph of subsection D of this section, for all taxable  
5 years beginning after December 31, 1989, there shall be imposed on  
6 foreign corporations, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, a tax  
7 of six percent (6%) instead of thirty percent (30%) as used in the  
8 Internal Revenue Code, where such income is received from sources  
9 within Oklahoma, in accordance with the provisions of the Internal  
10 Revenue Code and the Oklahoma Income Tax Act.

11 Every payer of amounts covered by this subsection shall deduct  
12 and withhold from such amounts paid each payee an amount equal to  
13 six percent (6%) thereof. Every payer required to deduct and  
14 withhold taxes under this subsection shall for each quarterly period  
15 on or before the last day of the month following the close of each  
16 such quarterly period, pay over the amount so withheld as taxes to  
17 the Tax Commission, and shall file a return with each such payment.  
18 Such return shall be in such form as the Tax Commission shall  
19 prescribe. Every payer required under this subsection to deduct and  
20 withhold a tax from a payee shall, as to the total amounts paid to  
21 each payee during the calendar year, furnish to such payee, on or  
22 before January 31<sup>7</sup> of the succeeding year, a written statement  
23 showing the name of the payer, the name of the payee and the payee's  
24 social security account number, if any, the total amounts paid

1 subject to taxation, the total amount deducted and withheld as tax  
2 and such other information as the Tax Commission may require. Any  
3 payer who fails to withhold or pay to the Tax Commission any sums  
4 herein required to be withheld or paid shall be personally and  
5 individually liable therefor to the State of Oklahoma.

6 G. Fiduciaries. A tax is hereby imposed upon the Oklahoma  
7 taxable income of every trust and estate at the same rates as are  
8 provided in subsection B or C of this section for single  
9 individuals. Fiduciaries are not allowed a deduction for any  
10 federal income tax paid.

11 H. Tax rate tables. For all taxable years beginning after  
12 December 31, 1991, in lieu of the tax imposed by subsection A, B or  
13 C of this section, as applicable there is hereby imposed for each  
14 taxable year on the taxable income of every individual, whose  
15 taxable income for such taxable year does not exceed the ceiling  
16 amount, a tax determined under tables, applicable to such taxable  
17 year which shall be prescribed by the Tax Commission and which shall  
18 be in such form as it determines appropriate. In the table so  
19 prescribed, the amounts of the tax shall be computed on the basis of  
20 the rates prescribed by subsection A, B or C of this section. For  
21 purposes of this subsection, the term "ceiling amount" means, with  
22 respect to any taxpayer, the amount determined by the Tax Commission  
23 for the tax rate category in which such taxpayer falls.

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1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2355.1H of Title 68, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. As used in this section:

5 1. "Rate reduction" shall mean the implementation of the four  
6 and eighty-five hundredths percent (4.85%) top marginal rate of  
7 individual income tax otherwise authorized pursuant to the  
8 provisions of subparagraph (f) of paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection C  
9 of Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

10 2. "Proposed expenditure authority" shall represent the total  
11 amount determined by the State Board of Equalization as available  
12 for the Legislature to spend in a given fiscal year, including:

13 a. estimated amounts from certified funds subject to the  
14 ninety-five percent (95%) limit provided for in  
15 Section 23 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution  
16 and cash available in those funds from any prior  
17 years, and

18 b. estimated amounts from the Special Cash Fund,  
19 Commissioners of the Land Office Fund, Oklahoma  
20 Education Lottery Trust Fund, Common Education  
21 Technology Revolving Fund, Oklahoma Student Aid  
22 Revolving Fund, Higher Education Capital Revolving  
23 Fund, Education Reform Revolving Fund, Tobacco  
24 Settlement Fund, State Judicial Revolving Fund and

1 State Transportation Fund and cash available in those  
2 funds from any prior years.

3 B. The provisions of this section shall be applicable with  
4 respect to the implementation of the rate reduction, which shall be  
5 contingent upon a determination by the State Board of Equalization  
6 described by this section to be conducted until the income tax rate  
7 of four and eighty-five hundredths percent (4.85%) is effective.

8 C. In addition to any other duties prescribed by law, at the  
9 meeting required by paragraph 1 of Section 23 of Article X of the  
10 Oklahoma Constitution to be held in December of 2017, and for any  
11 subsequent December meeting of the State Board of Equalization if  
12 the rate reduction has not become effective, the Board shall  
13 determine if the amount of the proposed expenditure authority for  
14 the fiscal year beginning on the next ensuing July 1 is in excess of  
15 the threshold amount of Seven Billion Five Hundred Million Dollars  
16 (\$7,500,000,000.00), adjusted for the rate of inflation for the  
17 preceding twelve-month period using the Consumer Price Index-All  
18 Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the Bureau of Labor  
19 Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor or its successor agency.

20 If the amount of the proposed expenditure authority for the  
21 fiscal year beginning on the next ensuing July 1 is in excess of the  
22 threshold amount, the Board shall make a preliminary finding that a  
23 determination will be made at the next ensuing February meeting that  
24 the proposed expenditure authority will exceed the threshold amount

1 required by this section and will result in the implementation of  
2 the rate reduction for the tax year beginning on the third January 1  
3 following the December meeting.

4 If the amount of the proposed expenditure authority for the  
5 fiscal year beginning on the next ensuing July 1 is equal to or less  
6 than the threshold amount, the Board shall make a preliminary  
7 finding that a determination will be made at the next ensuing  
8 February meeting that the proposed expenditure authority will not  
9 exceed the threshold amount required by this section and will not  
10 result in the implementation of the rate reduction for the tax year  
11 beginning on the third January 1 following the December meeting.

12 D. In addition to any other duties prescribed by law, at the  
13 meeting required by paragraph 3 of Section 23 of Article X of the  
14 Oklahoma Constitution to be held in February of 2018, and for any  
15 subsequent February meeting of the State Board of Equalization, if  
16 the rate reduction has not become effective, the Board shall  
17 determine if the amount of the proposed expenditure authority for  
18 the fiscal year beginning on the next ensuing July 1 is in excess of  
19 the threshold amount of Seven Billion Five Hundred Million Dollars  
20 (\$7,500,000,000.00), adjusted for the rate of inflation for the  
21 preceding twelve-month period using the Consumer Price Index-All  
22 Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the Bureau of Labor  
23 Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor or its successor agency.

1 If the amount of the proposed expenditure authority for the  
2 fiscal year beginning on the next ensuing July 1 is in excess of the  
3 threshold amount, the Board shall make a determination that the  
4 threshold amount required by this section will be exceeded and will  
5 authorize the implementation of the rate reduction for the tax year  
6 beginning on the second January 1 following the February meeting.  
7 The Board shall also recertify the proposed expenditure authority  
8 accordingly to reflect the estimated loss of revenue.

9 If the amount of the proposed expenditure authority for the  
10 fiscal year beginning on the next ensuing July 1 is equal to or less  
11 than the threshold amount, the Board shall make a determination that  
12 the threshold amount required by this section will not be exceeded  
13 and will not authorize the rate reduction for the tax year beginning  
14 on the second January 1 following the February meeting.

15 E. If the Board makes a determination that the threshold amount  
16 required by this section will not be exceeded and no rate reduction  
17 will occur in calendar year 2019 pursuant to the provisions of  
18 subsection D of this section, the procedures prescribed by  
19 subsection B, subsection C, and subsection D of this section shall  
20 be repeated by the State Board of Equalization each year until the  
21 rate reduction has been implemented. Once implemented, such income  
22 tax rate shall be in effect for all subsequent tax years.

23 SECTION 4. REPEALER Section 5, Chapter 195, O.S.L. 2014  
24 (68 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 2355.1G), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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