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Proposed Amendment to Iowa Constitution



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- Only applies to income tax – not other taxes.

Supermajority:

67 votes in House
33 votes in Senate

Simple Majority:

51 votes in House
26 votes in Senate

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- This could be done by law, but Legislature chose to add it to the Constitution (which is hard to change)

What this means for Iowans:

- Less choice in raising revenues if Iowa’s budget faces shortfalls or our economy tanks.
- Protects corporations and billionaires from tax increases, placing burden on everyday Iowans.
- Medicaid and education make up 84% of the state’s budget.
- More reliance on other taxes (user fees, sales tax).

Amendment 1: lowans for Tax Relief



VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 1



Make it HARDER for politicians TO RAISE YOUR TAXES

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Amendment 1: Common Good Iowa



VOTE NO

— ON —

AMENDMENT 1

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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SHALL THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION BE ADOPTED?

Summary: Provides that any bill to increase the individual income tax rate or the corporate income tax rate, or the rate of any other type of tax based upon income or legal and special reserves, shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature for passage. Further, the two-thirds majority vote requirement applies to the passage of a bill to establish a new tax on any type of income or legal and special reserves imposed by the state. The requirement excludes taxes imposed at the option of a local government. A lawsuit challenging the proper enactment of a bill under this section must be filed no later than one year following the enactment.

Full Text: The Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended by adding the following new section to new Article XIII:

Passage of a bill that increases the individual income tax rate or the corporate income tax rate, or the rate of any other type of tax based upon income or legal and special reserves, shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the general assembly. This requirement does not apply to taxes imposed at the option of a local government. Passage of a bill that establishes a new tax on any type of income or legal and special reserves imposed by the state shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the general assembly. A lawsuit challenging the proper enactment of a bill under this section must be filed no later than one year following the enactment. If such a lawsuit is not filed within the one-year limit, the bill shall be considered properly enacted under this section. Each bill to which this section applies must include a separate provision describing the requirements for enactment prescribed by this section. The general assembly shall enact laws to implement this section.

Important Dates for 2026 General Election



- ✓ **Tuesday, August 25** – First Day to Ask County Auditor for Mail-In Absentee Ballot
- ✓ **Wednesday, October 14** – Early Voting Begins, Ballots Mailed
- ✓ **Monday, October 19** – Pre-Registration Deadline; Last Day to Request Mail-In Absentee Ballot
- ✓ **Saturday, October 31** – County Election Offices Open for Early Voting
- ✓ **Monday, November 2** – Last Day of Early (In-Person) Voting
- ✓ **Tuesday, November 3** – Election Day (7 am – 8 pm); Absentee Ballots Must Be Received at County Auditor by 8 pm

POLICY NEWS: HCBS Waivers & Community Inclusion

Public Input: Amendments to HCBS Waivers

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/public-notice/2026-09-23/public-notice-1915c-home-and-community-based-services-hcbs-aidshiv-brain-injury-bi-childrens-mental>

- All HCBS services (regardless of waiver) will be on same fee schedule.
- Added ability to do off-year assessments (every other year)
- Added autism and developmental disabilities to Health & Disability waiver.
- Added services so uniform across waivers (community transition services, peer mentoring, prevocational services, supported employment)
- Fiscal impact of added services estimated at \$5 million

Comments due October 23, 2026 by 4:30 p.m.

- Send to HCBS_Public_Comment@hhs.iowa.gov.





Mark Your Calendars

2026 Capitol Chats (Noon-1 pm)

Thursday, October TBD

Thursday, December 3

Sign Up at: iowaddcouncil.org/capitol-chats