

PROPOSED AMENDMENT REMOVING LIMITATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON TAXATION, 1908

Proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly, March 27, 1908. Submitted to electors, November 3, 1908.

Total vote cast	.	.	.	.	1,136,525
For amendment	.	.	.	.	339,747
Against amendment	.	.	.	.	95,867

Not adopted.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:*

SECTION 1. That a proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Ohio, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1908, to amend section two of article twelve of the Constitution of the state of Ohio, so that it shall read as follows:

ARTICLE XII – FINANCE AND TAXATION

SEC. 2. The general assembly shall have power to establish and maintain an equitable system for raising state and local revenue. It may classify the subjects of taxation so far as their differences justify the same in order to secure a just return from each. All taxes and other charges shall be imposed for public purposes only and shall be just to each subject. The power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away. Bonds of the state of Ohio, bonds of any city, village, hamlet, county or township in this state and bonds issued in behalf of the public schools of Ohio and the means of

instruction therewith, burying grounds, public school houses, houses used exclusively for public worship, institutions of purely public charity, public property used exclusively for any public purpose, and personal property to an amount not exceeding in value two hundred dollars, for each individual, may by general laws, be exempted from taxation; but all such laws shall be subject to alteration or repeal; and the value of all property, so exempted, shall from time to time, be ascertained and published as may be directed by law.

SECTION 2. All taxes and exemptions in force when this amendment is adopted shall remain in force, in the same manner and to the same extent, unless and until otherwise directed by statute.<sup>66</sup>

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<sup>66</sup> *Laws of Ohio*, vol. xcix, 629. — ED.