Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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## A Bill

Regular Session, 2003
HOUSE BILL 2552

By: Representative Harris

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR MARRIED
TAXPAYERS TO FILE SEPARATE TAX RETURNS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR MARRIED TAXPAYERS TO FILE SEPARATE TAX RETURNS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-51-201(a), regarding individual, trust, and estate income tax returns, is amended to read as follows:
(a)(l) A tax is imposed upon, and with respect to, the entire income of every resident, individual, trust, or estate. The tax shall be levied, collected, and paid annually upon the entire net income as defined and computed in this chapter at the following rates, giving effect to the tax credits provided hereafter, in the manner set forth:
(1)(A) On the first two thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$2,999) of net income or any part thereof, one percent (1\%);
(2)(B) On the next three thousand dollars (\$3,000) of net income or any part thereof, two and one-half percent ( $21 / 2 \%$ );
(3)(C) On the next three thousand dollars (\$3,000) of net income or any part thereof, three and one-half percent (31/2\%);
$(4)(D)$ On the next six thousand dollars $(\$ 6,000)$ of net income or any part thereof, four and one-half percent ( $41 / 2 \%$ );
(5)(E) On the next ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of net income or any part thereof, six percent (6\%); and

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\((6)(F)\) On net income of twenty-five thousand dollars \((\$ 25,000)\) and above, seven percent (7\%).
(2) For married taxpayers filing a joint tax return, the tax imposed shall be the same amount as would be levied if the married taxpayers filed separate returns.
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    filed separate returns.
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