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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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCOME TAX RELIEF FOR TAXPAYERS WITH INCOME BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL; TO PROVIDE INCOME TAX RELIEF FOR OTHER LOW INCOME TAX RESIDENTS OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES .

## Subtitle

AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCOME TAX RELIEF FOR LOW INCOME TAXPAYERS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-5l-301 is amended to read as follows:
26-51-301. Individuals exempt from taxation or qualifying for feduced tax rates - Election of rates the low income tax credit.
(a) As used in this section:
(1) "Head of household" means the same as defined in 26 U.S.C. §

2(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect on January 1, 2007;
(2) "Qualifying widow or widower" means the "surviving spouse" as defined in 26 U.S.C. § $2(\mathrm{a})$ of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 , as in effect on January 1, 2007.
(a)(b) There shall be exempted from state individual income tax the following income categories: Beginning with tax year 2007, the following taxpayers are exempt from state individual income tax:
(1) A single individual whose gross income does not exceed seven thousand seven hundred dollars $(\$ 7,700)$ ten thousand two hundred dollars ( $\$ 10,200$ ) for any income year;
(2) A married couple filing jointly with one (1) or fewer dependents whose gross income does not exceed fifteen thousand five hundred dollars ( $\$ 15,500$ ) seventeen thousand two hundred dollars $(\$ 17,200)$ for any income year;
(3) A married couple filing jointly with two (2) or more dependents whose gross income does not exceed twenty thousand seven hundred dollars ( $\$ 20,700$ ) for any income year; and
(3) (4) An unmarried A head of household or qualifying widow or widower with one (1) or more dependents, whose gross income-for any income year does not exceed twelve thousand dollars ( $\$ 12,000$ ) fourteen thousand five hundred dollars $(\$ 14,500)$ for any income year.
(b) However:
(1) Any single individual whose gross income for the taxable year is more than seven thousand seven hundred dollars ( $\$ 7,700$ ) but not more than eleven thousand four hundred dollars ( $\$ 11,400$ ) may compute the income tax payable on the income in excess of seven thousand seven hundred dollars ( $\$ 7,700$ ) from Reduced Tax Table A in § 26-51-302;
(2) Any married couple filing jointly whose gross income for the taxable year is more than fifteen thousand five hundred dollars ( $\$ 15,500$ ) but not more than sixteen thousand two hundred dollars ( $\$ 16,200$ ) may compute the income tax payable on the income in excess of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars ( $\$ 15,500$ ) from Reduced Tax Table B in § 26-51-302; and
(3) Any head of household whose gross income for the taxable year is more than twelve thousand dollars ( $\$ 12,000$ ) but not more than sixteen thousand two hundred dollars ( $\$ 16,200$ ) may compute the income tax payable on the income in excess of twelve thousand dollars ( $\$ 12,000$ ) from Reduced Tax

Table C in § 26-51-302.
(c) As used in this section, "head of household" means the same as defined in $\S 2(b)$ of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 , in effect on January $1,2005$.
(d) [Repealed.]
(e) The reduced tax tables cannot be used if the exemption provided for in § 26-51-306 or the six thousand dollar ( $\$ 6,000$ ) exemption provided for in § 26-51-307 is claimed or if the taxpayer itemizes deductions.
(f)(1) Only the persons defined in this section may enjoy the special gross income exemption and the use of the reduced tax tables of § 26-51-302.
(2) All other persons not falling within these specifically defined categories are subject to the income tax rates provided in § 26-51201.
(3) However, nothing in this section or § 26-51-302 shall be construed to prevent any person covered by this section or § 26-51-302 from electing to be taxed under the tax rates set forth by § 26-51-201 (a) and (b).
(c) Beginning with tax year 2007, the following taxpayers are eligible for a low income tax credit:
(1) A single individual whose gross income for the taxable year is more than ten thousand two hundred dollars $(\$ 10,200)$ but less than thirteen thousand five hundred (\$13,500);
(2) A married couple filing jointly with one (1) or fewer dependents whose gross income for the taxable year is more than seventeen thousand two hundred dollars $(\$ 17,200)$ but less than twenty-one thousand four hundred dollars (\$21,400);
(3) A married couple filing jointly with two (2) or more dependents whose gross income for the taxable year is more than twenty thousand seven hundred dollars $(\$ 20,700)$ but less than twenty-six thousand seven hundred dollars $(\$ 26,700)$; and
(4) A head of household or a qualifying widow or widower with one (l) or more dependents whose gross income for the taxable year is more than fourteen thousand five hundred dollars $(\$ 14,500)$ but less than nineteen thousand dollars $(\$ 19,000)$.
(d) For income tax year 2007, the low income tax credit in subsection (c) of this section shall be determined in accordance with the tables below,
based upon the taxpayer's filing status:

| From | But Less | Credit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Than | Amount |
| \$10,201 | \$10,300 | \$130 |
| \$10,301 | \$10,400 | \$126 |
| \$10,401 | \$10,500 | \$122 |
| \$10,501 | \$10,600 | \$118 |
| \$10,601 | \$10,700 | \$114 |
| \$10,701 | \$10,800 | \$110 |
| \$10,801 | \$10,900 | \$106 |
| \$10,901 | \$11,000 | \$102 |
| \$11,001 | \$11,100 | \$98 |
| \$11,101 | \$11,200 | \$94 |
| \$11,201 | \$11,300 | \$90 |
| \$11,301 | \$11,400 | \$86 |
| \$11,401 | \$11,500 | \$82 |
| \$11,501 | \$11,600 | \$78 |
| \$11,601 | \$11,700 | \$74 |
| \$11,701 | \$11,800 | \$70 |
| \$11,801 | \$11,900 | \$66 |
| \$11,901 | \$12,000 | \$62 |
| \$12,001 | \$12,100 | \$58 |
| \$12,101 | \$12,200 | \$54 |
| \$12,201 | \$12,300 | \$50 |
| \$12,301 | \$12,400 | \$46 |
| \$12,401 | \$12,500 | \$42 |
| \$12,501 | \$12,600 | \$38 |
| \$12,601 | \$12,700 | \$34 |
| \$12,701 | \$12,800 | \$30 |
| \$12,801 | \$12,900 | \$26 |
| \$12,901 | \$13,000 | \$22 |
| \$13,001 | \$13,100 | \$18 |
| \$13,101 | \$13,200 | \$14 |
| \$13,201 | \$13,300 | \$10 |
| \$13,301 | \$13,400 | \$6 |



| 1 | \$20,301 | \$20,400 | \$73 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | \$20,401 | \$20,500 | \$66 |  |
| 3 | \$20,501 | \$20,600 | \$59 |  |
| 4 | \$20,601 | \$20,700 | \$52 |  |
| 5 | \$20,701 | \$20,800 | \$45 |  |
| 6 | \$20,801 | \$20,900 | \$38 |  |
| 7 | \$20,901 | \$21,000 | \$31 |  |
| 8 | \$21,001 | \$21,100 | \$24 |  |
| 9 | \$21,101 | \$21,200 | \$17 |  |
| 10 | \$21,201 | \$21,300 | \$10 |  |
| 11 | \$21,301 | \$21,400 | \$3 |  |
| 12 |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Married Fi | Jointly | Two or | Dependents |
| 14 |  | But Less | Credi |  |
| 15 | From | Than | Amoun |  |
| 16 | \$20,701 | \$20,800 | \$416 |  |
| 17 | \$20,801 | \$20,900 | \$409 |  |
| 18 | \$20,901 | \$21,000 | \$402 |  |
| 19 | \$21,001 | \$21,100 | \$395 |  |
| 20 | \$21,101 | \$21,200 | \$388 |  |
| 21 | \$21,201 | \$21,300 | \$381 |  |
| 22 | \$21,301 | \$21,400 | \$374 |  |
| 23 | \$21,401 | \$21,500 | \$367 |  |
| 24 | \$21,501 | \$21,600 | \$360 |  |
| 25 | \$21,601 | \$21,700 | \$353 |  |
| 26 | \$21,701 | \$21,800 | \$346 |  |
| 27 | \$21,801 | \$21,900 | \$339 |  |
| 28 | \$21,901 | \$22,000 | \$332 |  |
| 29 | \$22,001 | \$22,100 | \$325 |  |
| 30 | \$22,101 | \$22,200 | \$318 |  |
| 31 | \$22,201 | \$22,300 | \$311 |  |
| 32 | \$22,301 | \$22,400 | \$304 |  |
| 33 | \$22,401 | \$22,500 | \$297 |  |
| 34 | \$22,501 | \$22,600 | \$290 |  |
| 35 | \$22,601 | \$22,700 | \$283 |  |
| 36 | \$22,701 | \$22,800 | \$276 |  |


| 1 | \$22,801 | \$22,900 | \$269 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | \$22,901 | \$23,000 | \$262 |
| 3 | \$23,001 | \$23,100 | \$255 |
| 4 | \$23,101 | \$23,200 | \$248 |
| 5 | \$23,201 | \$23,300 | \$241 |
| 6 | \$23,301 | \$23,400 | \$234 |
| 7 | \$23,401 | \$23,500 | \$227 |
| 8 | \$23,501 | \$23,600 | \$220 |
| 9 | \$23,601 | \$23,700 | \$213 |
| 10 | \$23,701 | \$23,800 | \$206 |
| 11 | \$23,801 | \$23,900 | \$199 |
| 12 | \$23,901 | \$24,000 | \$192 |
| 13 | \$24,001 | \$24,100 | \$185 |
| 14 | \$24,101 | \$24,200 | \$178 |
| 15 | \$24,201 | \$24,300 | \$171 |
| 16 | \$24,301 | \$24,400 | \$164 |
| 17 | \$24,401 | \$24,500 | \$157 |
| 18 | \$24,501 | \$24,600 | \$150 |
| 19 | \$24,601 | \$24,700 | \$143 |
| 20 | \$24,701 | \$24,800 | \$136 |
| 21 | \$24,801 | \$24,900 | \$129 |
| 22 | \$24,901 | \$25,000 | \$122 |
| 23 | \$25,001 | \$25,100 | \$115 |
| 24 | \$25,101 | \$25,200 | \$108 |
| 25 | \$25,201 | \$25,300 | \$101 |
| 26 | \$25,301 | \$25,400 | \$94 |
| 27 | \$25,401 | \$25,500 | \$87 |
| 28 | \$25,501 | \$25,600 | \$80 |
| 29 | \$25,601 | \$25,700 | \$73 |
| 30 | \$25,701 | \$25,800 | \$66 |
| 31 | \$25,801 | \$25,900 | \$59 |
| 32 | \$25,901 | \$26,000 | \$52 |
| 33 | \$26,001 | \$26, 100 | \$45 |
| 34 | \$26,101 | \$26,200 | \$38 |
| 35 | \$26,201 | \$26,300 | \$31 |
| 36 | \$26,301 | \$26,400 | \$24 |


| 1 | \$26,401 | \$26,500 | \$17 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | \$26,501 | \$26,600 | \$10 |  |
| 3 | \$26,601 | \$26,700 | \$3 |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Head of Ho | old/Qual | ng Widow | Widower |
| 6 |  | But Less | Credit |  |
| 7 | From | Than | Amount |  |
| 8 | \$14,501 | \$14,600 | \$265 |  |
| 9 | \$14,601 | \$14,700 | \$259 |  |
| 10 | \$14,701 | \$14,800 | \$253 |  |
| 11 | \$14,801 | \$14,900 | \$247 |  |
| 12 | \$14,901 | \$15,000 | \$241 |  |
| 13 | \$15,001 | \$15,100 | \$235 |  |
| 14 | \$15,101 | \$15,200 | \$229 |  |
| 15 | \$15,201 | \$15,300 | \$223 |  |
| 16 | \$15,301 | \$15,400 | \$217 |  |
| 17 | \$15,401 | \$15,500 | \$211 |  |
| 18 | \$15,501 | \$15,600 | \$205 |  |
| 19 | \$15,601 | \$15,700 | \$199 |  |
| 20 | \$15,701 | \$15,800 | \$193 |  |
| 21 | \$15,801 | \$15,900 | \$187 |  |
| 22 | \$15,901 | \$16,000 | \$181 |  |
| 23 | \$16,001 | \$16,100 | \$175 |  |
| 24 | \$16,101 | \$16,200 | \$169 |  |
| 25 | \$16,201 | \$16,300 | \$163 |  |
| 26 | \$16,301 | \$16,400 | \$157 |  |
| 27 | \$16,401 | \$16,500 | \$151 |  |
| 28 | \$16,501 | \$16,600 | \$145 |  |
| 29 | \$16,601 | \$16,700 | \$139 |  |
| 30 | \$16,701 | \$16,800 | \$133 |  |
| 31 | \$16,801 | \$16,900 | \$127 |  |
| 32 | \$16,901 | \$17,000 | \$121 |  |
| 33 | \$17,001 | \$17,100 | \$115 |  |
| 34 | \$17,101 | \$17,200 | \$109 |  |
| 35 | \$17,201 | \$17,300 | \$103 |  |
| 36 | \$17,301 | \$17,400 | \$97 |  |


subsection (e) of this section, the low income tax credit in this section and the gross income limitations outlined in the tables in subsection (d) of this section shall be adjusted annually using the following method:
(1) For a single individual, the amount of the low income tax credit allowable shall be eighty percent ( $80 \%$ ) of the income tax due upon the amount of gross income in subdivision (c)(l) of this section, indexed as provided in subsection (e) of this section, and reduced, but not below zero dollars (\$0.00), by four dollars (\$4.00) for each one hundred dollars (\$100), or fraction thereof, that the taxpayer's gross income exceeds the indexed amount;
(2) For a married couple filing jointly with one (1) or fewer dependents, the amount of the low income tax credit allowable shall be eighty percent ( $80 \%$ ) of the income tax due upon the amount of gross income in subdivision (c)(2) of this section, indexed as provided in subsection (e) of this section, and reduced, but not below zero dollars (\$0.00), by seven dollars (\$7.00) for each one hundred dollars (\$100), or fraction thereof, that the taxpayer's gross income exceeds the indexed amount;
(3) For a married couple filing jointly with two (2) or more dependents, the amount of the low income tax credit allowable shall be eighty percent $(80 \%)$ of the income tax due upon the amount of gross income in subdivision (c)(3) of this section, indexed as provided in subsection (e) of this section, and reduced, but not below zero dollars (\$0.00), by seven dollars (\$7.00) for each one hundred dollars (\$100), or fraction thereof, that the taxpayer's gross income exceeds the indexed amount; or
(4) For a head of household or qualifying widow or widower with one (l) or more dependents, the amount of the low income tax credit allowable shall be eighty percent ( $80 \%$ ) of the income tax due upon the amount of gross income in subdivision (c)(4) of this section, indexed as provided in subsection (e) of this section, reduced, but not below zero dollars (\$0.00), by six dollars (\$6.00) for each one hundred dollars (\$100), or fraction thereof, that the taxpayer's gross income exceeds the indexed amount.
(g) For the purpose of determining eligibility for the low income tax credit in this section, income from all sources shall be used in determining the gross income of the taxpayer regardless of whether the income is taxable in Arkansas.
(h) A taxpayer is not eligible for the low income tax credit in this
section if the taxpayer claims an exemption in § 26-51-306 or § 26-51-307, or if the taxpayer itemizes deductions.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 26-51-302 [Effective November 15, 1998], is repealed.

26-51-302. Reduced tax tables. [Effective November 15, 1998.]
Reduced Tax Table A Single
Income [Tax]
Below \$7,701 \$0
$7,701-7,80020.00$
$-7,801-21.00$
7,901-8,000 22.00
$-8,001-8,10033.00$
$8,101-8,20035.00$
-8,201-8,300 36.00
$8,301-8,40038.00$
8,401-8,500 39.00
8,501-8,600 41.00
$-8,601-8,700 \quad 42.00$
$8,701-8,800 \quad 44.00$
$-8,801-8,900 \quad 45.00$
8,901 - 9,000 47.00
$-9,001 \quad 48.00$
$9,101-9,200$
50.00
$\xrightarrow{9,201} \quad 9,300 \quad 51.00$
$9,301-9,400$
79.00
$-9,401-900$ 81.00
$9,501-9,600$
83.00
$-9,601$ 9,700 85.00
$-9,701-97.00$
9,801 9,900 89.00
9,901-10,000 91.00
$-10,001-10,100 \quad 94.00$
$10,101-10,200 \quad 96.00$
$10,201-10,300 \quad 98.00$
$-10,301-10,400 \quad 100.00$

| 1 | $-10,401-10,500$ | 102.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 10,501-10,600 | 104.00 |
| 3 | 10,601 - 10,700 | 106.00 |
| 4 | 10,701-10,800 | 108.00 |
| 5 | 10,801-10,900 | 110.00 |
| 6 | 10,901 - 11,000 | 112.00 |
| 7 | 11,001-11,100 | 115.00 |
| 8 | 11,101-11,200 | 118.00 |
| 9 | 11,201-11,300 | 120.00 |
| 10 | 11,301-11,400 | 123.00 |
| 11 | Above \$11,400, use Standard Tax Table. |  |
| 12 | Reduced Tax Table B - Married |  |
| 13 | - Income Tax |  |
| 14 | Below \$ 15,501 | 0 |
| 15 | 15,501-15,600 | 80.00 |
| 16 | 15,601-15,700 | 81.00 |
| 17 | 15,701-15,800 | 83.00 |
| 18 | 15,801-15,900 | 84.00 |
| 19 | 15,901-16,000 | 86.00 |
| 20 | 16,001-16,100 | 116.00 |
| 21 | 16,101-16,200 | 118.00 |
| 22 | Above \$16,200, use Standard Tax Table. |  |
| 23 | (C) Reduced Tax Table-G |  |
| 24 | Head of Household |  |
| 25 | - Income | [Tax] |
| 26 | - Below \$12,000 | 0 |
| 27 | -12,001-12,100 | 40.00 |
| 28 | - 12,101-12,200 | 42.00 |
| 29 | -12,201-12,300 | 43.00 |
| 30 | -12,301-12,400 | 44.00 |
| 31 | -12,401-12,500 | 45.00 |
| 32 | 12,501 - 12,600 | 46.00 |
| 33 | -12,601 12,700 | 47.00 |
| 34 | 12,701 - 12,800 | 48.00 |
| 35 | -12,801-12,900 | 49.00 |
| 36 | 12,901 - 13,000 | 50.00 |


| 1 | -13,001-13,100 | 84.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 13,101-13,200 | 85.00 |
| 3 | -13,201-13,300 | 87.00 |
| 4 | 13,301-13,400 | 88.00 |
| 5 | -13,401-13,500 | 90.00 |
| 6 | 13,501-13,600 | 91.00 |
| 7 | 13,601-13,700 | 93.00 |
| 8 | 13,701-13,800 | 94.00 |
| 9 | -13,801-13,900 | 96.00 |
| 10 | 13,901-14,000 | 97.00 |
| 11 | -14,001-14,100 | 99.00 |
| 12 | 14,101-14,200 | 100.00 |
| 13 | -14,201-14,300 | 102.00 |
| 14 | -14,301-14,400 | 103.00 |
| 15 | -14,401-14,500 | 105.00 |
| 16 | -14,501-14,600 | 106.00 |
| 17 | -14,601-14,700 | 108.00 |
| 18 | -14,701-14,800 | 109.00 |
| 19 | -14,801-14,900 | 111.00 |
| 20 | -14,901-15,000 | 112.00 |
| 21 | -15,001-15,100 | 114.00 |
| 22 | -15,101-15,200 | 115.00 |
| 23 | -15,201-15,300 | 203.00 |
| 24 | -15,301-15,400 | 205.00 |
| 25 | -15,401-15,500 | 208.00 |
| 26 | -15,501-15,600 | 210.00 |
| 27 | - 15,601-15,700 | 213.00 |
| 28 | -15,701-15,800 | 215.00 |
| 29 | - 15,801-15,900 | 218.00 |
| 30 | 15,901-16,000 | 220.00 |
| 31 | 16,001-16,100 | 223.00 |
| 32 | - 16,101-16,200 | 225.00 |

Above $\$ 16,200$, use Standard Tax Table.

SECTION 3. This act shall apply to tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2007.

