

# HOUSE BILL No. 4001

January 11, 2017, Introduced by Rep. Chatfield and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled  
"Income tax act of 1967,"  
by amending section 51 (MCL 206.51), as amended by 2016 PA 266.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1 Sec. 51. (1) For receiving, earning, or otherwise acquiring  
2 income from any source whatsoever, there is levied and imposed  
3 under this part upon the taxable income of every person other than  
4 a corporation a tax at the following rates in the following  
5 circumstances:

6 (a) On and after October 1, 2007 and before October 1, 2012,  
7 4.35%.

8 (b) ~~Except as otherwise provided under subdivision (c), on ON~~  
9 and after October 1, 2012 **AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2018**, 4.25%.

1       (c) For each tax year beginning on and after January 1, 2023,  
2 if the percentage increase in the total general fund/general  
3 purpose revenue from the immediately preceding fiscal year is  
4 greater than the inflation rate for the same period and the  
5 inflation rate is positive, then the current rate shall be reduced  
6 by an amount determined by multiplying that rate by a fraction, the  
7 numerator of which is the difference between the total general  
8 fund/general purpose revenue from the immediately preceding state  
9 fiscal year and the capped general fund/general purpose revenue and  
10 the denominator of which is the total revenue collected from this  
11 part in the immediately preceding state fiscal year. For purposes  
12 of this subdivision only, the state treasurer, the director of the  
13 senate fiscal agency, and the director of the house fiscal agency  
14 shall determine whether the total revenue distributed to general  
15 fund/general purpose revenue has increased as required under this  
16 subdivision based on the comprehensive annual financial report  
17 prepared and published by the department of technology, management,  
18 and budget in accordance with section 23 of article IX of the state  
19 constitution of 1963. The state treasurer, the director of the  
20 senate fiscal agency, and the director of the house fiscal agency  
21 shall make the determination under this subdivision no later than  
22 the date of the January 2023 revenue estimating conference  
23 conducted pursuant to sections 367a through 367f of the management  
24 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1367a to 18.1367f, and the date  
25 of each January revenue estimating conference conducted each year  
26 thereafter. As used in this subdivision:

27       (i) "Capped general fund/general purpose revenue" means the

1 total general fund/general purpose revenue from the 2020-2021 state  
2 fiscal year multiplied by the sum of 1 plus the product of 1.425  
3 times the difference between a fraction, the numerator of which is  
4 the consumer price index for the state fiscal year ending in the  
5 tax year prior to the tax year for which the adjustment is being  
6 made and the denominator of which is the consumer price index for  
7 the 2020-2021 state fiscal year, and 1.

8 (ii) "Total general fund/general purpose revenue" means the  
9 total general fund/general purpose revenue and other financing  
10 sources as published in the comprehensive annual financial report  
11 schedule of revenue and other financing sources — general fund for  
12 that fiscal year plus any distribution made pursuant to section  
13 51d.

14 (C) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018, 3.9%.

15 (D) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND EACH JANUARY 1 AFTER 2019,  
16 THE MAXIMUM RATE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE REDUCED BY 0.1 EACH  
17 YEAR UNTIL THE RATE IS ZERO.

18 (2) Beginning January 1, 2000, that percentage of the gross  
19 collections before refunds from the tax levied under this section  
20 that is equal to 1.012% divided by the income tax rate levied under  
21 this section shall be deposited in the state school aid fund  
22 created in section 11 of article IX of the state constitution of  
23 1963.

24 (3) In addition to the distribution under subsection (2) and  
25 section 51d, beginning October 1, 2016, from the revenue collected  
26 under this section an amount equal to 3.5% of the average amount of  
27 farmland tax credits claimed under section 36109 of the natural

1 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL  
2 324.36109, for the immediately preceding 3 state fiscal years shall  
3 be deposited into the agricultural preservation fund created in  
4 section 36202 of the natural resources and environmental protection  
5 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.36202.

6 (4) The department shall annualize rates provided in  
7 subsection (1) as necessary. The applicable annualized rate shall  
8 be imposed upon the taxable income of every person other than a  
9 corporation for those tax years.

10 (5) The taxable income of a nonresident shall be computed in  
11 the same manner that the taxable income of a resident is computed,  
12 subject to the allocation and apportionment provisions of this  
13 part.

14 (6) A resident beneficiary of a trust whose taxable income  
15 includes all or part of an accumulation distribution by a trust, as  
16 defined in section 665 of the internal revenue code, shall be  
17 allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due under this part. The  
18 credit shall be all or a proportionate part of any tax paid by the  
19 trust under this part for any preceding taxable year that would not  
20 have been payable if the trust had in fact made distribution to its  
21 beneficiaries at the times and in the amounts specified in section  
22 666 of the internal revenue code. The credit shall not reduce the  
23 tax otherwise due from the beneficiary to an amount less than would  
24 have been due if the accumulation distribution were excluded from  
25 taxable income.

26 (7) The taxable income of a resident who is required to  
27 include income from a trust in his or her federal income tax return

1 under the provisions of 26 USC 671 to 679, shall include items of  
2 income and deductions from the trust in taxable income to the  
3 extent required by this part with respect to property owned  
4 outright.

5 (8) It is the intention of this section that the income  
6 subject to tax of every person other than corporations shall be  
7 computed in like manner and be the same as provided in the internal  
8 revenue code subject to adjustments specifically provided for in  
9 this part.

10 (9) As used in this section:

11 (a) ~~"Consumer price index"~~ means the United States consumer  
12 price index for all urban consumers as defined and reported by the  
13 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

14 (b) ~~"Inflation rate"~~ means the annual percentage change in the  
15 consumer price index, as determined by the department, comparing  
16 the 2 most recent completed state fiscal years.

17 (A) ~~(c)~~—"Person other than a corporation" means a resident or  
18 nonresident individual or any of the following:

19 (i) A partner in a partnership as defined in the internal  
20 revenue code.

21 (ii) A beneficiary of an estate or a trust as defined in the  
22 internal revenue code.

23 (iii) An estate or trust as defined in the internal revenue  
24 code.

25 (B) ~~(d)~~—"Taxable income" means taxable income as defined in  
26 this part subject to the applicable source and attribution rules  
27 contained in this part.