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Amend the bill by inserting after Part D the following:

PART E

Sec. E-1. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor approving tax reform legislation enacted by the 124th Legislature that, among other tax reforms, restructures the current income tax structure by establishing a flat rate of 6.5% on taxable income with an additional .35% surcharge on income exceeding \$250,000; broadens the sales tax base by including certain services, including certain amusement, entertainment and recreation services; installation, repair and maintenance services; personal property services; transportation and courier services; and long distance telephone service; increases the sales tax on prepared food and lodging and the sales tax on rentals of automobiles of less than one year; and excludes certain types of income to simplify the calculation of income under the Circuitbreaker Program?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.'

SUMMARY

This amendment makes the legislation subject to statutory referendum.