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Taxpayer Bill of Rights

(Madison) Representative Frank Lasee (R-Bellevue) is introducing the Taxpayer Bill of Rights constitutional amendment that will empower Wisconsin's residents by giving voters the same right to vote on spending decisions that we now have on school spending decisions.

Wisconsin has remained one of the highest taxed states in the nation, and under this bill, residents would have the ability to decide about how fast spending, and the taxes that go with it, grow.

Representative Lasee is introducing a constitutional amendment, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, which would slow the growth of spending for every government in Wisconsin—state, school district, county and municipality. Under this amendment, state and local spending can grow each year by the rate of inflation plus population growth or new construction that is added to tax base.

This amendment will put more power in the hands of the people who have to pay the taxes. State and local governments will have to hold a referendum to increase the tax rates or to spend more than allowed.

“Wisconsin's taxes are too high. This bill, once passed puts the power back into the hands of the voters. It will increase the conversation required before major new government spending proposals,” said Representative Lasee.

Lower taxes are good for business and our citizens. Businesses bring jobs and spur the state's economy.

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