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## TAXATION. VETERANS EXEMPTION

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<b>TAXATION. VETERANS EXEMPTION. Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1.</b> Amends section 14 of Article XIII, Constitution. Extends present exemption from taxation of property of resident veterans to persons who served in the armed forces of the United States in time of peace in specified campaigns and were honorably discharged or otherwise honorably released and to persons who after service in the armed forces of the United States have continued in such service, or who, in time of war are in such service.	YES	
	NO	

(For full text of measure, see page 5, Part II)

**Argument in Favor of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1**

This amendment is one of fairness and equality. While it retains and protects the \$1000 property tax exemption now accorded veterans of prior wars, it will, under the provisions of this amendment, extend the \$1000 exemption to men who are serving or who have served in the armed forces of World War II.

Under the present law, property tax exemption is not allowed until the serviceman has become separated from the armed services by being honorably discharged therefrom. In the meantime, many of those servicemen who have taxable real property and who are fighting their Country's battle, will find themselves unable to meet their taxes with the service pay which they receive, and upon their return from service will be confronted with accumulated tax assessments that will discourage redemption. This amendment will help the soldier while he is helping his Country, and at a time when he needs assistance most.

The second portion of this measure further extends this property tax exemption to include those who have served in campaigns, expeditions and insurrections prior to, or without declaration

of war, but who faced all of the dangers and hardships of war. Law makers and sponsors of our present tax exemption law have long recognized the inequalities and discriminations of the present law which excludes these much deserving soldiers who faced the hardships and dangers of Nicaragua, China, Tahiti and other expeditions. No fair person would term a law just and equitable that excluded those survivors of the Panay, or the brave defenders of Wake Island.

While this amendment provides tax exemptions to this type of veteran, it does not extend benefits to all those who served in peacetime. It provides as a condition for eligibility, for tax exemption purposes, that they shall have served in time of war or in time of peace in a campaign or expedition for which the Congress of the United States has issued a medal therefor.

Let us by adopting this amendment rectify wrongs and remove discriminations in benefits to those who have served our Country so well.

GLENN M. ANDERSON,  
Assemblyman,  
Forty-sixth District.

LEE T. BASHORE,  
Assemblyman,  
Forty-ninth District.

<b>3 CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS. COMPENSATION. Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 29.</b> Adds section 22 to Article V, Constitution. Authorizes Legislature to fix compensation of Lieutenant Governor, Controller, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Treasurer. Compensation thus fixed to be not less than \$5,000 per annum.	YES	
	NO	

(For full text of measure, see page 5, Part II)

**Argument in Favor of Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 29**

Vote YES on this measure. Its adoption is urgently required to overcome a serious obstacle to the effective administration of five of the key departments of our State Government.

For the past 36 years, the salaries of the Controller, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Lieutenant-Governor have been frozen in the State Constitution at a figure which was determined on the basis of their duties, and in the light of salary standards of the year 1908.

The activities of our State Government have expanded to an extent undreamed of in 1908. California's population has increased from ap-

proximately 1,700,000 to over 7,500,000 persons. In 1908, California was primarily an agricultural State; today, it promises soon to outrank all other States in almost every field of productive activity.

California's remarkable growth has necessitated a corresponding increase in the duties of its State officials and the creation, by legislative action, of innumerable boards and commissions required to solve the increasingly complex problems of government. Because the constitutional officers have generally been persons who made a career of governmental administration, the Legislature has found it to the public's best interest to place those officials on the more important of these many boards and commission

**TAXATION. VETERANS EXEMPTION. Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1.** Amends section 1½ of Article XIII, Constitution.

**2** Extends present exemption from taxation of property of resident veterans to persons who served in the armed forces of the United States in time of peace in specified campaigns and were honorably discharged or otherwise honorably released and to persons who after service in the armed forces of the United States have continued in such service, or who, in time of war are in such service.

YES

NO

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of said State by amending Section 1½ of Article XIII, relating to exemptions of property on account of military service.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California, at its Fifty-fifth Session commencing on the fourth day of January, 1943, two-thirds of all Members elected to each of the two houses of said Legislature voting in favor thereof, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California that Section 1½ of Article XIII of the Constitution of this State be amended to read as follows:

(This proposed amendment expressly amends an existing section of the Constitution, therefore, EXISTING PROVISIONS proposed to be DELETED are marked in STRIKE-OUT TYPE; and NEW PROVISIONS proposed to be INSERTED are printed in BLACK-FACED TYPE.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 1½. The property to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of every resident of this State who has served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Revenue Marine (Revenue Cutter) Service of the United States (1) in time of war, or (2) in time of peace, in a campaign or expedition for service in which a medal has been issued by the Congress of the United States, and in either case has received an honorable discharge therefrom, or who after such

service of the United States in time of war under such conditions has continued in such service, or who in time of war is in such service, or who has been released from active duty because of disability resulting from such service in time of peace or under other honorable conditions, or lacking such amount of property in his own name, so much of the property of the wife of any such person as shall be necessary to equal said amount; and the property to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the widow resident in this State, or if there be no such widow, of the widowed mother resident in this State, of every person who has so served and has died either during his term of service or after receiving an honorable discharge from said service, or who has been released from active duty because of disability resulting from such service in time of peace or under other honorable conditions, and the property to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of pensioned widows, fathers, and mothers, resident in this State, or soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Revenue Marine (Revenue Cutter) Service of the United States shall be exempt from taxation; provided, this exemption shall not apply to any person named herein owning property of the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more, or where the wife of such soldier or sailor owns property of the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more. No exemption shall be made under the provisions of this section of the property of a person who is not legal resident of the State, provided, however, all real property owned by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and all property owned by the California Soldiers Widows Home Association shall be exempt from taxation.

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS. COMPENSATION. Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 29.** Adds section 22 to Article V Constitution.

**3** Authorizes Legislature to fix compensation of Lieutenant Governor, Controller, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Treasurer. Compensation thus fixed to be not less than \$5,000 per annum.

YES

NO

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 29—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California to amend the Constitution of said State by

adding Section 22 to Article V thereof, relating to the compensation of State officers.

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,

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