

## HR 1040

### Flat Tax Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Feb 24, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Feb 24, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 24, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 24, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Taxation

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Flat Tax Act**

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to authorize an individual or a person engaged in business activity to make an irrevocable election to be subject to a flat tax (in lieu of the existing income tax provisions) of 19% for the first two years after an election is made, and 17% thereafter.

Calculates taxable income for individual taxpayers by subtracting a basic standard deduction and an additional standard deduction for each dependent from the total of wages, retirement distributions, and unemployment compensation.

Defines "business taxable income" to mean gross active income reduced by the cost of certain business inputs.

Imposes an employer tax on the value of excludable compensation provided to employees not engaged in business activity of 19% for the first two years after an election is made under this Act and 17% thereafter.

Repeals the estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes.

Requires a two-thirds vote of the House of Representatives or the Senate to increase the flat tax rate proposed by this Act or to reduce the amount of the standard deduction or business-related deductions allowed by this Act.

## **Actions Timeline**

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