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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 425

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
PROVIDE THAT NO GAIN OR LOSS SHALL BE RECOGNIZED UNDER THE STATE
INCOME TAX LAWS BY TAXPAYERS EXCHANGING PROPERTY WITH PROPERTY OF
EQUAL VALUE SITUATED OUTSIDE THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
SECTION 1. Section 27-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

8 27-7-9. (a) Except as provided in Sections 27-7-95 through
9 27-7-103, determination of amount of gain or loss.

10 (1) Computation of gain or loss. The gain from the 11 sale or other disposition of property shall be the excess of the 12 amount realized therefrom over the adjusted basis provided in 13 subsection (c) for determining gain, and the loss shall be the 14 excess of the adjusted basis provided in subsection (c) for 15 determining loss over the amount realized.

16 (2) Amount realized. The amount realized from the sale 17 or other disposition of property shall be the sum of any money 18 received plus the fair market value of the property (other than 19 money) received.

(3) Installment sales. Nothing in this section shall
be construed to prevent (in the case of property sold under
contract providing for payment in installments) the taxation of
that portion of any installment payment representing gain or
profit in the year in which such payment is received.

(b) Recognition of gain or loss. Except as otherwise provided in this section, on the sale or exchange of property the entire amount of the gain or loss, determined under subsection

28 (a), shall be recognized.

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(c) Adjusted basis for determining gain or loss.

30 (1) In general. The adjusted basis for determining the
31 gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of property,
32 whenever acquired, shall be the basis determined under subsection
33 (d) adjusted as provided in subsection (e).

34 (2) Bargain sale to a charitable organization. If a 35 deduction is allowed under Section 27-7-17 (relating to charitable 36 contributions) by reason of a sale, then the adjusted basis for 37 determining the gain from such sale shall be that portion of the 38 adjusted basis which bears the same ratio to the adjusted basis as 39 the amount realized bears to the fair market value of the 40 property.

41 (d) Basis of property.

(1) Property acquired after March 16, 1912. The basis
for ascertaining the gain derived or the loss sustained from the
sale or other disposition of property, real, personal or mixed,
shall be, in the case of property acquired after March 16, 1912,
the cost of such property, except as otherwise provided in this
subsection.

48 (2) Inventory property. If the property should have
49 been included in the last inventory, the basis shall be the last
50 inventory value thereof.

Property acquired by gift. In the case of property 51 (3) 52 acquired by gift after January 1, 1936, the basis shall be the same as that which it would have in the hands of the donor or the 53 54 last preceding owner by whom it was not acquired by gift. If the facts necessary to determine such basis are unknown to the donee, 55 the commissioner shall, if possible, obtain such facts from such 56 57 donor, or last preceding owner, or any other person cognizant thereof. If the commissioner finds it impossible to obtain such 58 59 facts, the commissioner shall establish a basis for the property from the best information available. In the case of property 60 acquired by gift on or before January 1, 1936, the basis for 61 62 ascertaining gain or loss from the sale or other disposition 63 thereof shall be the fair market price or value of such property at the time of acquisition. 64

65 (4) Property acquired by bequests, devises and inheritance. If personal property was acquired by specific 66 67 bequest, or if real property was acquired by general or specific devise or by intestacy, the basis shall be the fair market value 68 69 of the property at the time of the death of the decedent. If the property was acquired by the decedent's estate from the decedent, 70 71 the basis in the hands of the estate shall be the fair market 72 value of the property at the time of the death of the decedent. In all other cases, if the property was acquired either by will or 73 74 by intestacy, the basis shall be the fair market value of the property at the time of the distribution to the taxpayer. 75 In the 76 case of property transferred in trust to pay the income for life to or upon the order or direction of the grantor, with the right 77 78 reserved to the grantor at all times prior to his death to revoke 79 the trust, the basis of such property in the hands of the persons 80 entitled under the terms of the trust instrument to the property 81 after the grantor's death shall, after such death, be the same as if the trust instrument had been a will executed on the day of the 82 83 grantor's death.

(5) Property acquired by a transfer in trust. If the property was acquired by a transfer in trust (other than by a transfer in trust by a bequest or devise), the basis shall be the same as it would be in the hands of the grantor, increased in the amount of gain, or decreased in the amount of loss, recognized to the grantor upon such transfer under this section.

90 (6) Property acquired in tax-free exchanges. If the 91 property was acquired upon an exchange described in subsection (f), the basis shall be the same as in the case of the property 92 exchanged, decreased in the amount of any money received by the 93 taxpayer and increased in the amount of gain or decreased in the 94 95 amount of loss to the taxpayer that was recognized upon such exchange by the terms of this act. If the property so acquired 96 97 consisted in part of the type of property permitted by subsection

98 (f) to be received without recognition of gain or loss, and in 99 part of other property, the basis provided in this subsection 100 shall be allocated between the properties (other than money) 101 received, and for the purpose of the allocation there shall be 102 assigned to such other property an amount equivalent to its fair 103 market value at the date of the exchange.

104 (7) Property acquired in tax-free distribution. If the 105 property consists of stock or securities distributed to a taxpayer 106 in connection with a transaction described in subsection (f), the 107 basis in the case of the stock in respect of which the 108 distribution was made shall be apportioned, under rules and 109 regulations prescribed by the commissioner, between such stock and 110 the stock or securities distributed.

111 (8) Property acquired in involuntary conversions. Ιf the property was acquired as the result of a compulsory or 112 113 involuntary conversion described in subsection (f), the basis 114 shall be the same as in the case of property so converted, decreased in the amount of any money received by the taxpayer 115 116 which was not expended in accordance with the provisions of said subsection determining the taxable status of the gain or loss upon 117 118 such conversion, and increased in the amount of gain or decreased 119 in the amount of loss to the taxpayer recognized upon such 120 conversion.

121 Property acquired in wash sales. If substantially (9) identical property was acquired in place of stock or securities 122 123 which were sold or disposed of and in respect of which loss was not allowed as a deduction under Section 27-7-17(d), the basis in 124 the case of property so acquired shall be the basis in the case of 125 126 the stock or securities so sold or disposed of, except that, if 127 the repurchase price was in excess of the sales price, such basis 128 shall be increased in the amount of the difference, or if the 129 repurchase price was less than the sales price, such basis shall 130 be decreased in the amount of the difference.

(10) Property acquired before March 16, 1912. The
basis for determining the gain or loss from the sale or other
disposition of property acquired before March 16, 1912, shall be:

(A) The cost of such property (or in the case of
such property as is described in subsection (d)(2) or (4) of this
section the basis as therein provided, or in the case of property
acquired by gift or transfer in trust, the fair market value of
such property at the time of such acquisition); or

139 (B) The fair market value of such property as of140 March 16, 1912, whichever is greater.

141 In determining the fair market value of stock in a 142 corporation as of March 16, 1912, due regard shall be given to the 143 fair market value of the assets of the corporation as of that 144 date.

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(e) Adjustments to basis.

146 (1)In general. In computing the amount of gain or 147 loss from the sale or other disposition of property, proper adjustment shall be made for any expenditure, receipt, loss or 148 149 other item, properly chargeable to capital account since the basis 150 date. The cost or other basis of the property shall also be 151 diminished by the amount of the deductions for exhaustion, wear 152 and tear, obsolescence, amortization, and depletion, which have 153 since the acquisition of the property been allowable in respect of 154 such property whether or not such deductions were claimed by the taxpayer or formerly allowed. In the case of stock, the basis 155 156 shall be diminished by the amount of distributions previously made 157 in respect to such stock, to the extent provided under this 158 section.

(2) Substituted basis. Whenever it appears that the basis of the property in the hands of a taxpayer is a substituted basis, then the adjustments provided in subsection (e)(1) shall be made after first making in respect of such substituted basis proper adjustments of a similar nature in respect of the period

164 during which the property was held by the transferor, donor or 165 grantor, or during which the other property was held by the person 166 for whom the basis is to be determined. The term "substituted 167 basis" as used in this subsection means a basis determined under 168 any provision of this section or under any corresponding provision 169 of a prior Income Tax Law, providing that the basis shall be 170 determined by reference to the basis in the hands of a transferor, donor or grantor, or, by reference to other property held at any 171 172 time by the person for whom the basis is to be determined.

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(f) Recognition of gain or loss -- exceptions.

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(1) Exchange solely in kind.

175 (A) Property held for productive use or 176 investment. No gain or loss shall be recognized if property held for productive use in trade or business or for investment (not 177 including stock in trade or other property held primarily for 178 179 sale, nor stocks, bonds, notes, choses in action, certificates of 180 trust or beneficial interest, or other securities or evidence of indebtedness or interest) is exchanged solely for property of a 181 182 like kind to be held either for productive use in trade or business or for investment. 183

184 (B) Stock for stock in same corporation. No gain 185 or loss shall be recognized if common stock in a corporation is 186 exchanged solely for common stock in the same corporation, or if 187 preferred stock in a corporation is exchanged solely for preferred 188 stock in the same corporation.

189 (C) Transfers to corporation controlled by 190 transferor. No gain or loss shall be recognized if property is 191 transferred to a corporation by one or more persons solely in 192 exchange for stock or securities in such corporation, and if 193 immediately after the exchange such person or persons are in 194 control of the corporation; but in the case of an exchange by two (2) or more persons, this subsection shall apply only if the 195 196 amount of the stock and securities received by each is

197 substantially in proportion to his interest in the property prior 198 to the exchange.

(D) Stock for stock on reorganization. No gain or loss shall be recognized if stock or securities in a corporation, a party to a reorganization, are, in pursuance of the plan of reorganization, exchanged solely for stock or securities in such corporation or in another corporation, a party to a reorganization.

(E) Property for property situated outside the 205 206 state. No gain or loss shall be recognized if property owned by a 207 taxpayer is exchanged solely for property situated outside the state with a nonresident of the state, provided the properties are 208 of equal value; however, this subsection (f)(1)(E) shall not apply 209 to the transfer of the personal residence of a taxpayer or an 210 211 exchange of stocks or assets pursuant to a reorganization, as 212 hereinafter provided for in this section.

213 (2) Gain from exchanges not solely in kind. If an 214 exchange would be within the provisions of subsection (f)(1) of 215 this section, if it were not for the fact that the property received in exchange consists not only of property permitted by 216 217 subsection (f)(1) to be received without the recognition of gain, 218 but also of other property or money, then the gain, if any, to the recipient shall be recognized, but in an amount not in excess of 219 220 the sum of such money and the fair market value of such other property so received. 221

(3) Loss from exchanges not solely in kind. If an exchange would be within the provisions of subsection (f)(1) of this section, if it were not for the fact that the property received in exchange consists not only of property permitted by subsection (f)(1) to be received without the recognition of gain or loss but also of other property or money, then no loss from the exchange shall be recognized.

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(4) Distribution of stock on reorganization. If in

pursuance of a plan of reorganization, there is distributed to a shareholder in a corporation, a party to the reorganization, stock or securities in such corporation or in another corporation, a party to the reorganization, without the surrender by such shareholder of stock or securities in such corporation, no gain to the distributee from the receipt of such stock or securities shall be recognized.

(5) Distribution with effect of taxable dividend. 237 Tf a 238 distribution made in pursuance of a plan of reorganization is 239 within the provisions of subsection (f)(4) of this section, but has the effect of the distribution of a taxable dividend, then 240 there shall be taxed as a dividend to each distributee such an 241 242 amount of the gain recognized under subsection (f)(2) as is not in 243 excess of his rateable share of the undistributed earnings and profits of the corporation. The remainder, if any, of the gain 244 245 recognized under subsection (f)(2) shall be taxed as a gain from 246 the exchange of property.

(6) Involuntary conversions. If property, as a result of its destruction in whole or in part, theft, seizure or requisition or condemnation, or threat or imminence thereof, is compulsorily or involuntarily converted:

(A) Into property similar or related in service or
use to the property so converted, no gain shall be recognized, but
loss shall be recognized;

254 Into money, no gain shall be recognized if (B) 255 such money is expended, within a period ending two (2) years after 256 the close of the first taxable year in which any part of the gain 257 upon the conversion is realized, in the acquisition of other 258 property similar or related in service or use to the property so 259 converted, or in the acquisition of control of a corporation 260 owning such other property, or in the establishment of a replacement fund, but loss shall be recognized. If any part of 261 262 the money is not so expended, the gain shall be recognized to the

263 extent of the money which is not so expended, regardless of whether such money is received in one or more taxable years and 264 265 regardless of whether or not the money which is not so expended 266 constitutes gain. Provided, gain realized on property which is 267 compulsorily or involuntarily converted for public use under Title II, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, or any federal law 268 269 relating to the involuntary conversion of property for public use 270 shall not be recognized. Provided further, that gain realized on 271 property which is voluntarily converted for public use shall not 272 be recognized after it becomes evident that eminent domain 273 proceedings are probable.

The provisions of this subsection relating to the 274 nonrecognition of gain, including the exception provided in 275 276 subparagraph (B), shall apply only to an owner of the converted 277 property who has held title to such property for a period at least 278 three (3) years prior to the date of the disposition of the 279 converted property, provided that an owner who acquired such property by bequest, devise, gift or inheritance shall be excluded 280 281 from this limitation, if the preceding owner acquired title to 282 such property at least three (3) years prior to the date of 283 disposition.

(7) Property exchanged treated as equivalent of cash.
When property other than property specified in subsection
(f)(1)(A) of this section is exchanged for other property, the
property received in exchange shall, for the purpose of
determining gain or loss, be treated as the equivalent of cash to
the amount of its fair market value.

(8) Distribution of assets of corporation. The
distribution to the taxpayer of the assets of a corporation shall
be treated as a sale of the stock or securities of the corporation
owned by him, and the gain or loss shall be computed accordingly.

(9) Organization of a corporation. In the case of theorganization of a corporation, the stock and securities received

296 shall be considered to take the place of property transferred 297 therefor, and no gain or loss shall be deemed to arise therefrom.

(10) Sales of certain interests in financial
institutions domiciled in Mississippi, domestic corporations,
domestic limited partnerships or domestic limited liability
companies.

302 (A) No gain shall be recognized from the sale of 303 authorized shares in financial institutions domiciled in 304 Mississippi and domestic corporations, or partnership interests in 305 domestic limited partnerships and domestic limited liability 306 companies, that have been held for more than one (1) year; 307 provided, however, that any gain that would otherwise be excluded 308 by this provision shall first be applied against, and reduced by, 309 any losses determined from sales or transactions described by this provision if the losses were incurred in the year of the gain or 310 311 within the two (2) years preceding or subsequent to the gain.

(B) No gain shall be recognized from the sale of all or at least ninety percent (90%) of the assets in domestic corporations except those assets that represent the ownership interest of another entity provided:

(i) The assets of the corporation have been held for more than one (1) year;

(ii) The corporation is totally liquidated and dissolved within one (1) calendar year from the date of the sale of all or at least ninety percent (90%) of the assets of the corporation; and

(iii) The depreciation and/or amortization that has been taken on the assets of the corporation shall be recaptured and taxed as ordinary income in the same manner as provided for in Section 1245 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and any corresponding regulations relating to Section 1245 property. All depreciation and/or amortization shall be recaptured up to cost prior to any nonrecognition of gains.

329 (g) Reorganization defined. The term "reorganization" 330 means:

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(1) A statutory merger or consolidation;

332 (2) The acquisition by one (1) corporation, in exchange
333 solely for all or a part of its voting stock (or in exchange
334 solely for all or a part of the voting stock of a corporation
335 which is in control of the acquiring corporation), of stock of
336 another corporation if, immediately after the acquisition, the
337 acquiring corporation has control of such other corporation, or of
338 substantially all the properties of another corporation;

339 (3) A transfer by a corporation of all or a part of its 340 assets to another corporation if immediately after the transfer 341 the transferor, or one or more of its shareholders (including 342 persons who were shareholders immediately before the transfer), or 343 any combination thereof, is in control of the corporation to which 344 the assets are transferred;

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(4) A recapitalization; or

346 (5) A mere change in identity, form, or place of347 organization, however effected.

(h) Party to a reorganization defined. The term "a party to a reorganization" includes a corporation resulting from a reorganization and includes both corporations in the case of an acquisition by one (1) corporation of at least a majority of the voting stock and at least a majority of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock of another corporation.

(i) Control defined. As used in this section, the term
"control" means the ownership of at least eighty percent (80%) of
the voting stock and at least eighty percent (80%) of the total
number of shares of all other classes of stock of the corporation.
(j) Special rules.

359 (1) Liquidation of subsidiaries. A transfer to a
 360 parent corporation from its subsidiary of property distributed in
 361 complete liquidation of the subsidiary shall result in no

362 recognized gain or loss if the basis of the property in the hands 363 of the parent corporation is the same as it was in the hands of 364 the subsidiary.

365 (2) Gain or loss on sales or exchanges in connection 366 with certain liquidations. Corporations adopting a plan of complete liquidation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue 367 Code shall recognize the gain or loss from the sale or exchange of 368 369 property by the corporation under said plan. The total gain or 370 loss from the liquidating distributions shall be recognized by the 371 shareholders; however, a credit for the tax paid by the liquidating corporation on the gain from the sale or exchange of 372 373 property under the plan of liquidation will be allowed to the 374 extent of any tax liability to the shareholders. The corporation shall provide to the State Tax Commission a list of all 375 376 shareholders with their percentage of ownership, distribution, tax credit allowed, and any other information requested. 377

378 (3) Distribution of stock and securities of a
379 controlled corporation. No gain shall be recognized on a
380 distribution to a stockholder of a corporation if such gain would
381 not be recognized to such stockholder for federal income tax
382 purposes under the provisions of Section 355 of the federal
383 Internal Revenue Code.

384 (4) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this 385 section, a corporation or other entity that is involved in restructuring, reorganizing, distributing assets or profits, or 386 387 changing ownership that results in an adjustment to its asset 388 basis is required to report a gain in the year such transaction 389 occurs on any such transaction when the transaction involves 390 assets owned or used in this state, or otherwise represents assets 391 owned or used in this state. If a transfer of income or a change 392 in asset valuation occurs on the tax records of the taxpayer, such transaction shall result in taxation to this state to the extent 393 394 of the transfer of income or change in asset valuation.

395 (5) If a corporation or other entity makes an Internal Revenue Code Section 338 election, or other similar election under 396 397 which the aggregate basis in assets are increased on the tax records of the taxpayer, then a similar election must also be made 398 399 for Mississippi purposes, but the gain must be recognized by the 400 corporation in which the increase in basis of the assets occurs. 401 The corporation or other entity is allowed to increase its basis 402 by the amount of gain recognized. An aggregate write-down of 403 assets is not allowed. The parent corporation shall recognize the 404 gain on the disposition of its stock.

405 (6) For state tax purposes, a corporation or other 406 legal entity is considered separate from its shareholders, 407 affiliated corporations or other entities. If a corporation or 408 other legal entity enters into any transaction that is for the 409 benefit of its shareholders or for the benefit of an affiliated 410 corporation without an equal mutual business benefit of the 411 corporation, then, the transaction will be adjusted or eliminated to arrive at taxable income to this state. All transactions 412 413 entered into by a corporation must be at "arms-length." If 414 requested by the commissioner, the taxpayer must be able to 415 substantiate that the transaction occurred at "arms-length." Τf not, the transaction may be adjusted to the satisfaction of the 416 417 commissioner. For purpose of this subsection, compliance with 418 federal regulations promulgated under Internal Revenue Code Section 482, shall constitute "arms-length." 419

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(k) Sale or exchange of residence.

(1) Loss on sale or exchange of residence. Loss from
the sale or exchange of property used by the taxpayer as his
principal residence is not recognized and cannot be deducted.

424 (2) Nonrecognition of gain. Gain shall be computed in
425 accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code,
426 rules, regulations and revenue procedures relating to the sale or
427 exchange of a personal residence not in direct conflict with the

428 provisions of the Mississippi Income Tax Law.

429 (3) Gain on the sale or exchange of residence. A
430 recognizable gain on the sale or exchange of a personal residence
431 shall be included in gross income and treated as ordinary income.
432 (1) Distributions by corporations.

433 (1) Distributions of the property of a corporation, 434 including partial and complete liquidations, shall be recognized by the distributing corporation and the gain or loss shall be 435 computed on the difference of the fair market value of the assets 436 437 distributed and their basis. The total gain or loss from the 438 distributions to the shareholders shall be recognized by the 439 shareholders subject to subsections (f)(8) and (j)(1); however, a 440 credit for the tax paid by the distributing corporation on the gain from the sale or exchange of property under the plan of 441 442 distribution will be allowed to the extent of any liability to the 443 shareholders. The corporation shall provide to the State Tax 444 Commission a list of all shareholders with their percentage of ownership, distribution, tax credit allowed, and any other 445 446 information requested.

447 Source of distributions. For the purposes of this (2) 448 act, every distribution is made out of earnings or profits to the 449 extent thereof, and from the most recently accumulated earnings 450 and profits. Any earnings or profit accumulated, or increase in 451 value of property acquired, before March 16, 1912, may be 452 distributed exempt from tax (after the earnings and profits 453 accumulated after March 16, 1912, have been distributed), but any 454 such tax-free distribution shall be applied against and reduce the 455 basis of the stock provided in subsection (d).

(3) Distributions in liquidation. Amounts distributed in complete liquidation of a corporation shall be treated as in full payment in exchange for the stock, and amounts distributed in partial liquidation of a corporation shall be treated as in part or full payment in exchange for the stock. The gain or loss to

461 the distributee resulting from such exchange shall be determined under subsection (a), but shall be recognized only to the extent 462 463 provided in subsection (f). In the case of amounts distributed in partial liquidation, the part of such distribution which is 464 465 property chargeable to capital account shall not be considered a 466 distribution of earnings or profits within the meaning of 467 paragraph (2) of this subsection for the purpose of determining 468 the taxability of subsequent distributions by the corporations.

469 (4) Other distributions. If any distribution (not in 470 partial or complete liquidation) made by a corporation to its shareholders, is not out of increase in value of property accrued 471 472 before March 16, 1912, and is not out of earnings or profits, then 473 the amount of such distribution shall be applied against and 474 reduce the basis of the stock provided in subsection (d), and if in excess of such basis, such excess shall be taxable in the same 475 476 manner as a gain from the sale or exchange of property.

477 (5) Stock dividends. A stock dividend shall not be478 subject to tax.

479 (6) Cancellation or redemption of stock. Tf a 480 corporation cancels or redeems its stock (whether or not such 481 stock was issued as a stock dividend) at such time and in such 482 manner as to make the distribution and cancellation or redemption 483 in whole or in part essentially equivalent to the distribution of 484 a taxable dividend, the amount so distributed in redemption or cancellation of the stock, to the extent that it represents a 485 486 distribution of earnings or profits accumulated after March 16, 487 1912, shall be treated as a taxable dividend.

488 (7) "Amounts distributed in partial liquidation" 489 defined. As used in this subsection, the term "amounts 490 distributed in partial liquidation" means distribution by a 491 corporation in complete cancellation or redemption of a part of 492 its stock, or one of a series of distributions in complete 493 cancellation or redemption of all or a portion of its stock.

494 (8) Distributions of stock pursuant to order enforcing the Antitrust Laws. Any distribution of stock which is made 495 496 pursuant to the order of any court enforcing the Antitrust Laws of the United States, or of any state, shall be a distribution which 497 498 is not out of earnings and profits of the distributing corporation, but the value of the stock so distributed shall be 499 500 applied against and reduce the basis of the stock of the 501 distributing corporation provided in subsection (d), and if in excess of such basis, such excess shall be taxable in the same 502 503 manner as a gain from the sale or exchange of property.

504 SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any 505 claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for taxes due or accrued under the income tax laws before the date on 506 507 which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the 508 509 date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; 510 and the provisions of the income tax laws are expressly continued in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the 511 512 assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before 513 514 the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to 515 516 comply with such laws.

517 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from 518 and after January 1, 1999.