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Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
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I strongly and unequivocally oppose any effort by the Governor and the Democrat-led legislature to override the will of the people by shifting this vote from the November general election to the May primary ballot. Moving the measure to a lower-turnout election is not procedural housekeeping—it is a deliberate attempt to limit public participation and accountability.

If you cannot stand before voters in November and defend your vote on this tax increase, then you should not be serving in public office. The people deserve transparency, not tactical maneuvering designed to shield incumbents from electoral consequences. Leadership requires the courage to own your decisions in full view of the electorate.

Public service is not about self-preservation. It is about accountability. If you are unwilling to face voters when turnout is highest and scrutiny is strongest, then you are prioritizing political survival over democratic principles. And if that is the case, you have no business holding legislative power.