



# The LAW THAT NEVER WAS

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## The Premise

The authority of the federal government to collect its income tax depends upon the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the federal income tax amendment, which was allegedly ratified in 1913. After a year of extensive research, [Bill Benson](#) discovered that the 16th Amendment was not ratified by the required 3/4 of the states, but nevertheless Secretary of State Philander Knox fraudulently announced ratification.



Text of the 16th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America:

*"The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration."*

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### The Brief- Benson's move to strike!

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### The Brief- Local Rule 56.1

The Government responds to Bill Benson's Local Rule 56.1 Statement of Material Facts. [Read the brief by clicking here.](#)

### The Brief- Local Rule 56

Benson's points and authorities in support of his motion to strike and motion to have facts deemed admitted [Read the brief by clicking here.](#)

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### The Brief -The Law of Opposition.

Jeffrey A Dickstein, counsel for Bill Benson, submits his memorandum of Law in Opposition to the United States. [Read the brief by clicking here.](#)

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## The Discovery

Article V of the U.S. Constitution specifies the ratification process, and requires 3/4 of the States to ratify any amendment proposed by Congress. There were 48 States in the American Union in 1913, meaning that affirmative action of 36 states was required for ratification. In February, 1913, Secretary of State Philander Knox issued a proclamation claiming that 38 states had ratified the amendment.

In 1984, William J. Benson began a research project, never before performed, to investigate the process of ratification of the 16th Amendment. After traveling to the capitols of the New England states, and reviewing the journals of the state legislative bodies, he saw that many states had not ratified the Amendment. Continuing his research at the National Archives in Washington, DC, Bill Benson discovered his [Golden Key](#). This damning piece of evidence is a 16 page memorandum from the Solicitor of the Department of State, whose duty is the provision of legal opinions for the use of the Secretary of State. In this memorandum sent to the Secretary of State, the Solicitor of the Department of State lists the many errors he found in the ratification process!

The 4 states listed below are among the 38 states that Philander Knox claimed ratification from.

- The Kentucky Senate voted upon the resolution, but rejected it by a vote of 9 in favor and 22 opposed.
- The Oklahoma Senate amended the language of the 16th Amendment to have a precisely opposite meaning.
- The California legislative assembly never recorded any vote upon any proposal to adopt the amendment proposed by Congress.
- The State of Minnesota sent nothing to the Secretary of State in Washington.

When his year long project was finished at the end of 1984, Bill had visited every state capitol and knew that not a single state had actually and legally ratified the proposal to amend the Constitution. 33 states engaged in the unauthorized activity of amending the language of the amendment proposed by congress, a power the states do not possess. Since 36 states were needed for ratification, the failure of 13 to ratify would be fatal to the amendment, and this occurs within the major (first three) defects tabulated in [Defects in Ratification of the 16th Amendment](#). Even if we were to ignore defects of spelling, capitalization, and punctuation, we would still have only 2 states which successfully ratified.



Bill Benson

After serving time in federal prison for not paying his United States income taxes, [Bill Benson](#) still does not pay income taxes and yet our federal government chooses not to arrest him. Why? Because now he can use this book, which he has written : '[THE LAW THAT NEVER WAS](#)' in his defense. To this day, Bill Benson proclaims, just as loudly, that he will not pay an unjust and corrupt federal income tax.



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