

# Corporate Tax Simplification and Cost Reduction

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## Existing and LG Tax Systems for Corporations

When an existing tax system with 4 or more tax brackets, they are complex, Also the 5 or more formulas will be converted to 32 (4\*8 filing periods on yearly, semi-yearly, quarterly, monthly, semi-monthly, bi-weekly, weekly or daily basis). They can be matched and simplified with the LG tax system with 2 brackets.

It is simple to use 2 or 3 tax brackets or formulas to simplify existing tax systems with neutral or minor tax revenue change. Existing tax rates are based on marginal flat tax rates for certain taxable income ranges with different tax rate speeds, which are unsmooth, unreasonable and unfair. When one linear tax rate simplification is used, its tax rates are smooth, reasonable and fair. Then taxes are collected reasonably and fairly.

### 1. Existing and LG Tax Systems for KS Corporations

Existing corporate tax rates are 4% at 0-\$50,000 and 7% for above \$50,000 with 2 tax brackets. At \$120,000 (easy to divide 12 into monthly \$10,000/month), tax rate is 5.75%. When tax rates change smoothly, tax rates are reasonable. When the 8 filling periods are used, its 2 formulas are increased to 16 (2\*8) formulas.

Table 1 shows smooth and reasonable tax rates. Their differences between existing and LG tax systems are shown in Figure 1. More taxes (maybe million \$) will be collected reasonably and fairly, which may reduce from 4%-7% to 3.5%-7% to have neutral tax revenue change and encourage more people to start businesses at starting tax rate at 3.5% (Modified Table 1M and Modified Figure 2M). 3.5% is less than MO corporate tax rate 6.25% or 4% and IA bottom tax rate at 5.5%. Two options may be 3.5%-7% or 3%-6.5%.

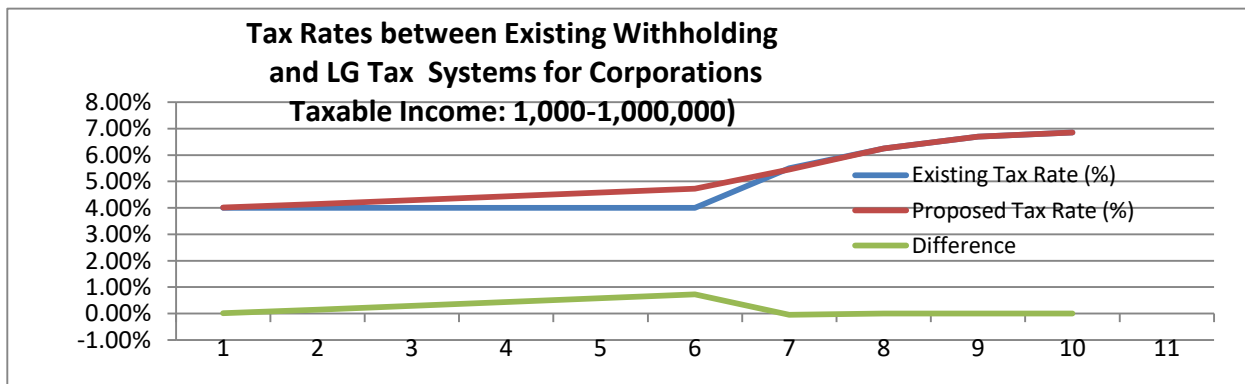
**Table 1 LG tax rate system for KS corporations**

Taxable income (TI) * F	Yearly taxable income (YTI)	TI	LG tax rate and tax formula	Tax rate check	Tax rate	Tax TI*rate
	0 - 120,000		$(0.04 + TI*F/6,857,143) TI$	0.04-0.0575		
	120,000		$(0.07 - 1,500/TI/F) TI$	0.0575-0.07		

TI is taxable income, TI\*F is yearly taxable income (YTI), F is filing period (1, 2, 4, 12, 24, 26, 52 or 365 on yearly, semi-yearly, quarterly, monthly, semi-monthly, bi-weekly, weekly or daily basis). TI\*F is yearly taxable income (YTI).

$$\text{Total tax} = \text{Sum}((0.04 + YTIa/6,857,143) TI) + \text{Sum}((0.07-1,500/YTIb) TI)$$

**Figure 1 Tax Rates from Withholding Schedule and LG Tax Rate Systems**



For next tax reforms, tax rate ranges are adjusted to meet a tax goal. 0-\$120,000 and over \$120,000 are fixed. Tax rate formulas are determined by the fixed TI and tax rate ranges.

$$\text{Withholding/Income Tax} = (\text{Incomes} - \text{Costs} - (\text{Deductions} + \text{Exemptions}) \div F) \times \text{Tax rate} - \text{Tax credits} \div F$$

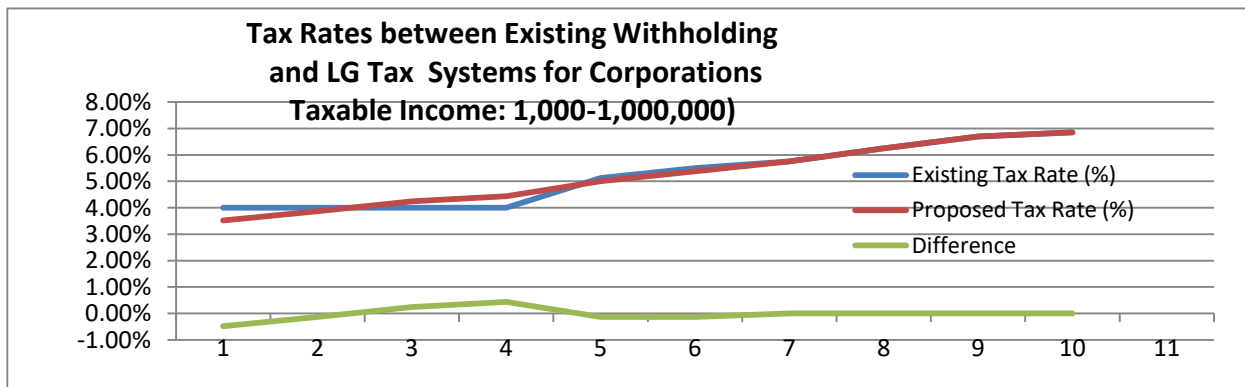
**Modified Table 1 (Modification) LG tax rate system for KS corporations**

Taxable income (TI) * F	Yearly taxable income	TI	Tax rate and tax formula	Tax rate check	Tax rate	Tax TI*rate
	0 - 120,000		(TI*F/C + B) TI	0.035-0.0575		
	120,000		(T - D/TI/F) TI	0.0575-0.07		

**Option #1:**  $C=120,000/(0.0575-B)=5,333,333$  with bottom tax rate (B) 0.035 and  $D=120,000*(T-0.0575)=1,500$  with top tax rate (T) 0.07.

$$\text{Total tax} = \text{Sum}((0.035 + YTIa/5,333,333) TI) + \text{Sum}((0.07-1,500/YTIb) TI)$$

**Modified Figure 1M Tax Rates from Withholding Schedule and LG Tax Rate Systems**



**Option #2:**  $C=120,000/(0.05-B)=6,000,000$  with bottom tax rate (B) 0.03 and  $D=120,000*(T-0.05)=1,800$  with top tax rate (T) 0.065.

**2. Existing and LG tax systems for Alaska corporations**

Alaska has the most complex tax system in all US state corporate tax systems, having 10 tax brackets. Its tax rates for corporations are graduated from 1% to 9.4% in increments of \$10,000 of taxable income. The top rate 9.4% applies to taxable income of \$90,000 and over, which is shown in Table 2. When the 8 filling periods are used, its 10 formulas are increased to 80 (10\*8) formulas.

When the two LG tax rate formulas are used to match the tax rates from taxable income ranges from 0 to \$100,000 (easier than \$90,000) from Table 2, with the 10 tax brackets, the amount of brackets are matched and reduced to 2, reasonably and simply.

When the LG Tax System is used, Alaska corporation tax may be simplified (from Table 2 to Table 3), with 2 tax brackets and tax rate range checks. The tax rate differences between the existing and proposed LG Alaska corporate tax systems, which are shown in their figure, are very compatible, with a 0-0.001 difference. The original 10 tax brackets have been reduced to 2 with 80% reduction, which provides an easy tool for tax calculation, analysis, modification and modification.

**Table 2 Existing Alaska Corporate Tax Rates (10 tax brackets)**

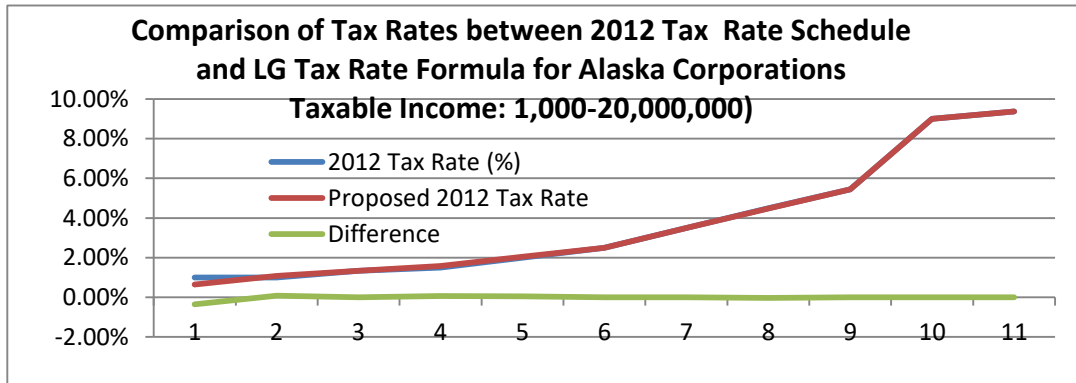
Taxable Income (TI)		Tax Computation
At Least	But Less Than	
-0-	10,000	$0.01 \times TI$
10,000	20,000	$100 + 0.02 \times (TI - 10,000)$
20,000	30,000	$300 + 0.03 \times (TI - 20,000)$
30,000	40,000	$600 + 0.04 \times (TI - 30,000)$
40,000	50,000	$1,000 + 0.05 \times (TI - 40,000)$
50,000	60,000	$1,500 + 0.06 \times (TI - 50,000)$
60,000	70,000	$2,100 + 0.07 \times (TI - 60,000)$
70,000	80,000	$2,800 + 0.08 \times (TI - 70,000)$
80,000	90,000	$3,600 + 0.09 \times (TI - 80,000)$
90,000	or More	$4,500 + 0.094 \times (TI - 90,000)$

**Table 3 LG Tax System for Alaska Corporations (2 brackets)**

TI*F	Yearly Taxable Income	TI	Tax rate formula	Tax rate	Range check	Tax
	Over	Not over				
	0	100,000	$0.01 + TI*F/2,252,252$		0.01-0.0544	
	100,000		$0.094 - 3,960/TI*F$		0.0544-0.094	

$$\text{Total tax} = \text{Sum}((0.01 + YTIa/2,252,252) TI) + \text{Sum}((0.094 - 3,960/YTIb) TI)$$

**Figure 2** Tax rate differences between the existing AK tax system and the LG tax system (almost no difference)



Filing period factor (F) is 52, 26, 24, 12, 4, 2 or 1, which is based on weekly (W), bi-weekly (2W), semi-monthly (SM), monthly (M), quarterly (Q), semi-yearly (SM) or yearly (Y). TI\*F is yearly taxable income (YTI).

**Tax analysis and projection**

The following equation (1) is for the calculation of total tax with the LG tax system (Table 3). When the existing tax computations from Table 2 are used to calculate total tax, it is complex, utilizing a very long equation (2).

$$\text{Total tax 1} = \text{Sum}((0.01 + YTIa/2,252,252) TI) + \text{Sum}((0.094 - 3,960/YTIb) TI) \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$\text{Total Tax 2} = 0.01\sum TI1 + \sum(100 + 0.02(TI2 - 10,000)) + \sum(300 + 0.03(TI3 - 20,000)) + \sum(600 + 0.04(TI4 - 30,000)) + \sum(1,000 + 0.05(TI5 - 40,000)) + \sum(1,500 + 0.06(TI6 - 50,000)) + \sum(2,100 + 0.07(TI7 - 60,000)) + \sum(2,800 + 0.08(TI8 - 70,000)) + \sum(3,600 + 0.09(TI9 - 80,000)) + \sum(4,500 + 0.094(TI10 - 90,000)) \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

**3. Existing and LG Tax Systems for IA Corporations**

Iowa corporate income tax rates are reformed beginning 2021 or 2023, which are shown in the following Table. [www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/FN/963408.pdf](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/FN/963408.pdf)  
<https://tax.iowa.gov/iowa-corporate-income-tax-rate-changes-2023>

**Table 4 – Corporate Income Tax Rates**

Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Prior Rates	2021 Rates	2023 Rates	Tax (2021)
0	25,000	6.0%	5.5%	5.5%	0.055*YTI
25,001	100,000 \$	8.0%	5.5%	5.5%	0.055*TI
100,001	250,000 \$	10.0%	9.0%	8.4%	0.09*(TI-100,000)+5,500
250,001 and Over		12.0%	9.8%	8.4%	0.098*(TI-250,000)+19,000

At \$240,000, which is simple to divide 12 (\$20,000/month), its tax rate is 0.07542 (7.542%) from (0.09\*(YTI-100,000)+5,500)/YTI for 2021. Then Table 4 is simplified and matched by Table 5. TI is taxable income, TI\*F is yearly taxable income (YTI), F is filing period (1, 2, 4, 12, 24, 26, 52 or 365 on yearly, semi-yearly, quarterly, monthly, semi-monthly, bi-weekly, weekly or daily basis). When the 8 filling periods are used, its 4 formulas are increased to 32 (4\*8) formulas. For 2023, bottom tax rate may be reduced from 5.5% to 5% with neutral tax revenue change (Table 6). At \$240,000, its tax rate is 0.072 (7.2%) from (0.084 (240,000-100,000)+5,500)/YTI.

**Table 5 Corporate income tax rates for 2021**

TI * F	Yearly Taxable income	TI	LG tax rate formula	Tax rate Check	Tax Rate	Tax TI*rate
	0 - 240,000		(TI*F/C + 0.055) TI	0.055-0.07542		
	240,000		(0.098-D/TI/F) TI	0.07542-0.098		

C=240,000/(0.07542-0.055)=11,753,183 and D=240,000\*(0.098- 0.07542)=5,419

**Total tax** = Sum((0.055 + YTIa/11,753,183) TI) + Sum ((0.098-5,419/YTIb) TI)

Withholding/Income Tax=(Incomes - Costs - (Deductions + Exemptions) ÷ F) × Tax rate - Tax credits ÷ F

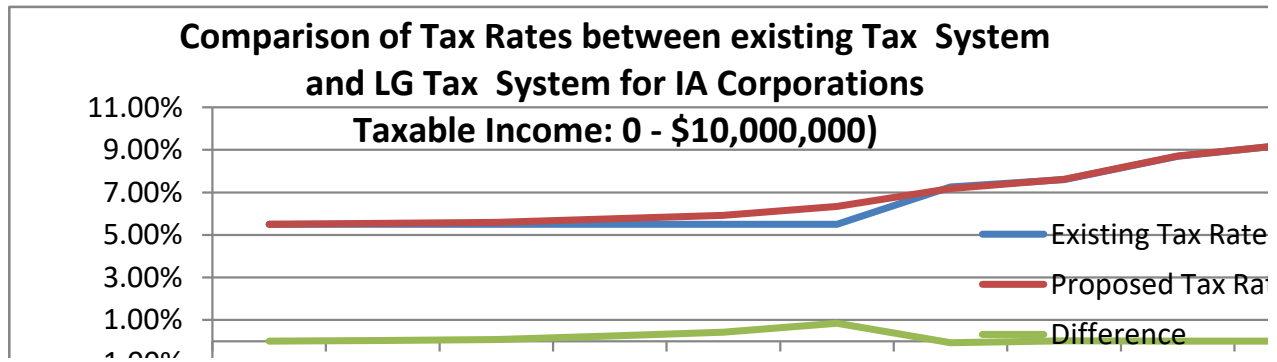
**Table 6 Corporate income tax rates for 2023**

TI * F	Yearly Taxable income	TI	LG tax rate formula	Tax rate Check	Tax Rate	Tax TI*rate
	0 - 240,000		(TI*F/C + B) TI	0.05-0.072		
	240,000		(T - D/TI/F) TI	0.072-0.084		

C=240,000/(0.072-B)=10,909,091 with bottom tax rate (B) 0.05 and D=240,000\*(T-0.072)=2,880 with top tax rate (T) 0.084.

Figure 3 shows no or some differences between the two methods. When less tax brackets in Table 4 are used, tax rates are unsmooth and unreasonable. Existing tax rates are based on flat tax rates during certain taxable income ranges. Table 5 shows smooth, reasonable, simple, and fair tax rates, which are higher than those flat tax rates for some taxable incomes, which means slightly more taxes to be collected reasonably and fairly.

Figure 3 Comparison of Tax Rates between Tables 4 and 5 (2021)



**4. Existing and LG tax systems for Arkansas corporations**

Existing Arkansas corporate tax rates are graduated rates applied to the Arkansas Net Taxable Income (NTI), which are shown in Table 7. The tax computations are complex when taxable incomes are not over \$25,000. Their tax rates range from 1% to 6.5% with 6 brackets. Existing Arkansas tax system is relatively complex in US state corporate tax systems. When the 8 filling periods are used, its 6 formulas are increased to 48 (6\*8) formulas.

**Table 7 Existing Arkansas Tax System for Corporations (6 tax brackets)**

Taxable Income (TI)		Tax Computation
Over 0	Not over 3,000	$0.01 \times TI$
3,000	6,000	$0.01 \times 3,000 + 0.02 \times (TI - 3,000)$
6,000	11,000	$0.01 \times 3,000 + 0.02 \times 3,000 + 0.03 \times (TI - 6,000)$
11,000	25,000	$0.01 \times 3,000 + 0.02 \times 3,000 + 0.03 \times 5,000 + 0.05 \times (TI - 11,000)$
25,000	100,000	$940 + 0.06 \times (TI - 25,000)$
100,000		$5,440 + 0.065 \times (TI - 100,000)$

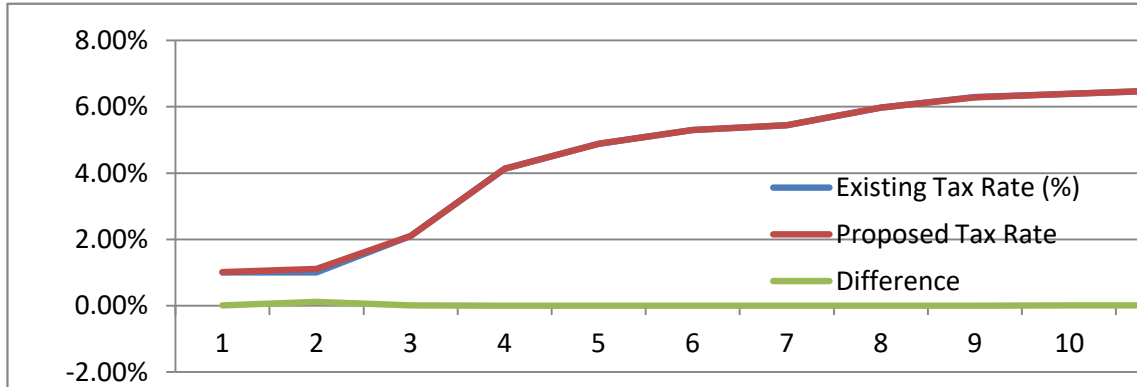
The existing Corporation Income Tax Table (2 pages) for taxable incomes from \$100 to \$25,000 is provided. When the LG tax system is used, the above 6 tax brackets are reduced to 3, which is shown in Table 8. A tax rate range check is used as a tool to check tax rate and tax calculations. The lesser amount of tax brackets provides an easy tool for tax calculation, analysis and projection reasonably and simply. When a LG tax rate formula is used to match the tax rates from taxable income ranges from 0 to \$25,000, a linear relationship of  $y = a + bx$  is found. 905,797 is the slope for  $y = a + x/b$ , is derived from  $25000 / (0.0376 - 0.01) = 905,797$ . The value 0.0376 is from the original tax computation in tax rate format  $[30 + 60 + 150 + 0.05 \times (25,000 - 11,000)] / 25,000 = 0.0376$ .

**Table 8 LG Tax System for Arkansas corporations (3 tax brackets)**

TI*F	TI*F range		TI	Tax rate formula	Tax rate	Range check	Tax
	Over 0	Not over 25,000		$TI*F / 905,797 + 0.01$		0.01-0.0376	
	25,000	100,000		$0.06 - 560 / TI*F$		0.0376-0.0544	
	100,000			$0.065 - 1,060 / TI*F$		0.0544-0.065	

Filing period factor (F) is 52, 26, 24, 12, 4, 2 or 1 based on weekly (W), bi-weekly (2W), semi-monthly (SM), monthly (M), quarterly (Q), semi-yearly (SM) or yearly (Y) is used for employers to calculate tax withholding. TI\*F is yearly taxable income (YTI).

**Figure 4 Comparison of Existing Arkansas and LG Tax Systems (\$100 - \$20 million)**



For YTI over \$25,000, the tax computation is converted into tax rate:

$$\text{Tax} = 940 + 0.06(TI - 25,000) = 0.06TI - 560 \text{ or Tax rate} = 0.06 - 560/TI$$

For TI over \$100,000, the tax computation is converted into tax rate:

$$\text{Tax} = 5,440 + 0.065(TI - 100,000) = 0.065TI - 1,060 \text{ or Tax rate} = 0.065 - 1,060/TI$$

The tax rate differences between the existing Arkansas and LG tax systems are almost the same for TI from \$100 to \$20,000,000, which are very compatible and shown with the following figure. Taxable income data may be used to calculate total tax and projection directly. Total tax is a function of TI.

$$\text{Total Tax} = 0.01 \sum TI_t + \sum (TI_2)_t / 905,797 + 0.06 \sum TI_u - 560_u + 0.065 \sum TI_v - 1,060_v$$

Here *t*, *u*, and *v* are corporation numbers during the three taxable income ranges. The total tax equation may be used for total tax calculation, projection and analysis. During a recession, booming economy or special situation, LG tax rates may be modified or reformed simply.

Table 8 (3 tax rate ranges) can be further simplified to Table 9 (2 tax rate ranges). Taxable income range is divided at \$60,000/year (or \$5,000/month).

**Table 9 LG Tax System for Arkansas corporations (2 tax brackets)**

TI*F	Yearly Taxable income	TI	Tax rate formula	Tax rate	Range check	Tax
	Over 0					
	Not over 60,000		$(TI*F/C + B) TI$		0.01-0.0507	
	60,000		$(T - D/TI*F) TI$		0.0507-0.065	

$C = 60,000 / (0.0507 - B) = 1,474,201$  with bottom tax rate (B) 0.01 and  $D = 60,000 * (T - 0.0507) = 858$  with top tax rate (T) 0.065.

$$\text{Total tax} = \text{Sum}((0.01 + YTI_a / 1,474,201.5) TI) + \text{Sum}((0.065 - 858 / YTI_b) TI)$$

$$\text{Withholding/Income Tax} = (\text{Incomes} - \text{Costs} - (\text{Deductions} + \text{Exemptions}) \div F) \times \text{Tax rate} - \text{Tax credits} \div F$$

**5. Existing and LG Tax Systems for NE Corporations**

Existing corporate tax rates are 5.58% at 0-\$100,000 and 7.81% for above \$100,000 with 2 tax brackets. At \$240,000 (easy to divide 12), tax rate is 6.88%. When tax rates change smoothly, tax rates change reasonably. Table 10 shows smooth and reasonable tax rates. Their differences between existing and LG tax systems are shown in Figure 2. More taxes (maybe million \$) will be collected reasonably and fairly. TI\*F is yearly taxable income (YTI). When the 8 filling periods are used, its 2 formulas are increased to 16 (2\*8) formulas.

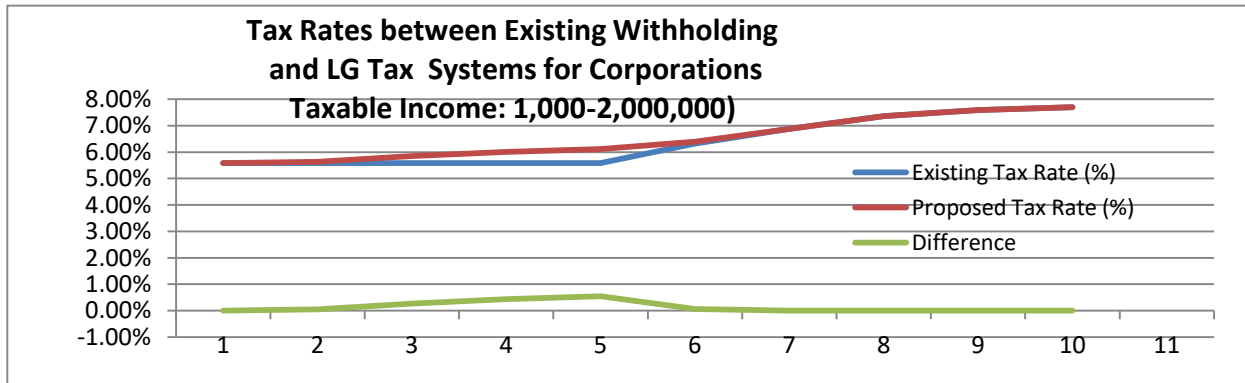
**Table 10 LG tax rate system for NE government and corporations**

Taxable income (TI) * F	Yearly taxable income	TI	LG tax rate formula	Tax rate check	Tax rate	Tax TI*rate
	0 - 240,000		$0.0558 + \text{TI} \cdot \text{F} / 18,461,538.5$	0.0558-0.0688		
	240,000		$0.0781 - 2,232 / \text{TI} \cdot \text{F}$	0.0688-0.0781		

$$\text{Total tax} = \text{Sum}((0.0558 + \text{YTI} / 18,461,538.5) \text{ TI}) + \text{Sum}((0.0781 - 2,232 / \text{YTI}) \text{ TI})$$

$$\text{Withholding/Income Tax} = (\text{Incomes} - \text{Costs} - (\text{Deductions} + \text{Exemptions}) \div F) \times \text{Tax rate} - \text{Tax credits} \div F$$

**Figure 5 Tax Rates from NE Withholding Schedule and LG Tax Rate Systems**



For next tax reform, tax rate ranges are adjusted to meet a tax goal. 0-\$240,000 and over \$240,000 are fixed. Tax rate formulas are determined by the fixed TI and tax rate ranges.

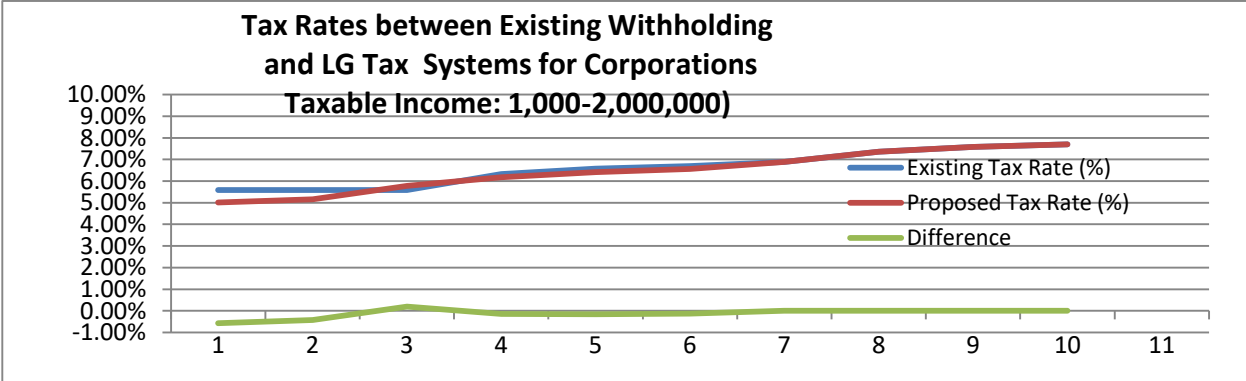
The existing tax rate ranges may be modified from 5.58%-7.81% to 5%-7.81% (or 5.5%-7.8%) to have neutral or less tax revenue change and encourage more people to start businesses at starting tax rate at 5% or 5.5% (Modified Table 10 and Modified Figure 11).

**Table 11 Modification LG tax rate system for NE corporations**

Taxable income (TI) * F	Yearly taxable income	TI	Tax and tax rate formula	Tax rate check	Tax rate	Tax TI*rate
	0 - 240,000		$(\text{TI} \cdot \text{F} / C + B) \text{ TI}$	0.05-0.0688		
	240,000		$(T - D / \text{TI} \cdot \text{F}) \text{ TI}$	0.0688-0.0781		

$C = 240,000 / (0.0688 - B) = 12,765,957$  with bottom tax rate (B) 0.05 and  $D = 240,000 * (T - 0.0688) = 2,232$  with top tax rate (T) 0.0781.

Modified Figure 5 Tax Rates from NE Withholding Schedule and LG Tax Rate Systems



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