

Bill forcing Nixon to pay taxes clears

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SACRAMENTO — Republican-backed legislation designed to require President Nixon to pay California income taxes easily cleared its first Assembly committee test yesterday.

The bill by Assemblyman William T. Bagley (R-San Rafael) a candidate for controller, was approved by the Revenue and Taxation Committee, 11-0, and sent to the Assembly.

Nixon has been able to claim under current state law that he is a nonresident of California for income tax purposes even though he votes in the state. Bagley said his bill would close the loophole, which he said permits representation without taxation.

The bill would declare that a person who votes in California also shall be obligated to pay state income taxes. In addition to Nixon, the bill would affect California congressmen and congressional aides who work in Washington.

Nixon recently paid \$5981 in back state taxes, penalties and interest — but it applied only to California-derived income and not the bulk of his White House salary.

The President paid no income taxes in Washington, D.C., because the nation's capital exempts federal officials from taxes.

Persons residing outside California but voting in the state still could deduct the taxes paid to another state from their California tax bill under the measure.