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Sue -- Here is some case law regarding the broad scope of legislative authority. -- Marty

‘Unlike the Federal Constitution, which is a grant of power to Congress, the California Constitution is a limitation or restriction on the powers of the Legislature.’ [Citations.] Thus, ‘the entire law-making authority of the state, except the people's right of initiative and referendum, is vested in the Legislature, and that body may exercise any and all legislative powers which are not expressly or by necessary implication denied to it by the Constitution.’ [Citations.] *‘[W]e do not look to the Constitution to determine whether the Legislature is authorized to do an act, but only to see if it is prohibited.’* [Citations.]

“The above stated principle ‘is of particular importance in the field of taxation, in which the Legislature is generally supreme.’ [Citations.] ‘Generally the Legislature is supreme in the field of taxation, and the provisions on taxation in the state Constitution are a limitation on the power of the Legislature rather than a grant to it.’ [Citation.] *‘In other words, the Legislature's authority to impose taxes and regulate the collection thereof exists unless it has been expressly eliminated by the Constitution.’* ”

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers' Assn. v. Fresno Metropolitan Projects Authority (1995) 40 Cal.App.4th 1359, 1374–1375 (emphasis added).



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