

Sen. Marklein: “Due Dates” bill moving quickly to Gov. Walker for signature

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MADISON – Senate Bill (SB) 2 and Assembly Bill (AB) 26 passed the State Assembly today and will now move quickly to Governor Scott Walker for signature in order to make a change to state law before March 15, 2017, a Federal tax filing deadline.

“This bill needed to be done now,” Marklein said. “We have asked the Governor to sign this bill into law before the March 15, 2017 deadline to have an impact. I appreciate the efforts of my legislative colleagues who have moved swiftly to get this done.”

In 2015, the Federal Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act was passed. This act changed the federal tax return due dates for certain entities that file state income and franchise tax returns. SB 2 impacts the March 15, 2017 filing deadline. It does not impact other future deadlines. These deadlines will be considered in future legislation.

SB 2 passed the State Senate unanimously, 32-0, on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 and was passed by the Assembly today, March 7, 2017. SB 2 and AB 26 were co-authored by Rep. Dale Kooyenga (R-Brookfield) and co-sponsored by a bi-partisan group of legislators from the Senate and the Assembly.

“SB 2 is a great example of legislation that begins in the offices of hard-working professionals who identify a problem and seek change,” Marklein said. “A tax professional in the 17th District recognized that Wisconsin’s due dates were out of

sync with the Federal due dates. They contacted me and we were able to fix it. Inconsistency causes confusion for taxpayers, tax preparers and the Department of Revenue. This bill aligns our state tax return dates with federal dates and reforms government for the better.”