

Assembly approves forfeiture bill, sending it to Walker's desk

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The Assembly signed off on a bill that would require the state to obtain a conviction before police could keep and then sell property taken from those accused of a crime.

The bill, which the chamber approved on a voice vote, also would require a court to find the property seized is proportional to the crime committed. It now heads to Gov. Scott Walker's desk after clearing the Senate on Tuesday.

Under current law, law enforcement can seize property through a forfeiture proceeding that can impact anything that was directly or indirectly derived from or used for the commission of a crime.