

Marsy's Law for Wisconsin: Gains more than 50 legislative sponsors, scheduled for Joint Legislative Hearing

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Second consideration of bipartisan victims' rights legislation scheduled to be before committee Wednesday

MADISON – Legislation to update Wisconsin's state Constitution to ensure equal rights for crime victims is advancing in the first weeks of the 2019 legislative session. Introduced for second consideration as [Senate Joint Resolution 2](#), the proposal, known as Marsy's Law for Wisconsin, was authored by State Senators Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) and Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) and State Representatives Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville) and David Crowley (D-Milwaukee) with more than 50 listed cosponsors from both sides of the aisle.

Today, the legislation was [noticed](#) for a joint hearing of the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety and Assembly Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committees to be held on Wednesday, January 9. The proposal passed the Legislature with overwhelming bipartisan support last year. In order to amend the state Constitution, a proposed amendment must pass the Legislature in two consecutive sessions and then be put to the voters for ratification. The bill must pass both chambers by January 22 in order to be placed on this coming April's ballot.

Earlier this month, the grassroots organization announced the launch of an extensive radio and digital advertising campaign on top of robust ongoing advocacy efforts. These efforts are aimed at ensuring that Marsy's Law for Wisconsin can be before voters during the April 2, 2019 election.