



HOWARD MARKLEIN

STATE SENATOR • 17TH SENATE DISTRICT

Tax Return Due Dates and Extended Due Dates **After** WI Senate Bill 2:

Entity	Federal	State of Wisconsin
Partnership	3/15	3/15
	9/15	9/15
S Corp	3/15	3/15
	9/15	10/15
Trust and Estate	4/15	4/15
	9/30	9/30
Exempt Organization	5/15	5/15
	11/15	12/15
C Corp (Calendar Year)	4/15	4/15
	9/15	11/15
C Corp (fiscal year end 6/30)	9/15	9/15
	4/15	5/15
C Corp (fiscal year end not 12/31 or 6/30)	15 th day of 4 th month 15 th day of 10 th month	15 th day of 4 th month 15th day of 11th month

Tax Estimate/Withholding Due Dates **Before** WI Senate Bill 2:

Entity	Federal	State of Wisconsin
Corp/Partnership – 15 th day of the following months of the taxable year	4	3
	6	6
	9	9
	12	12

Tax Estimate/Withholding Due Dates **After** WI Senate Bill 2:

Entity	Federal	State of Wisconsin
Corp/Partnership - 15 th day of the following months of the taxable year	4	4*
	6	6
	9	9
	12	12

*Except for Corporations with a fiscal year end April



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Tax Return Due Dates and Extended Due Dates **Before** Federal Change:

Entity	Federal	State of Wisconsin
Partnership	4/15	4/15
	9/15	9/15
S Corp	3/15	3/15
	9/15	10/15
Trust and Estate	4/15	4/15
	9/15	9/15
Exempt Organization	5/15	5/15
	8/15	9/15
	11/15	12/15
C Corp (Calendar Year)	3/15	3/15
	9/15	10/15
C Corp (fiscal year end 6/30)	9/15	9/15
	3/15	4/15
C Corp (fiscal year end not 12/31 or 6/30)	15 th day of 3 rd month 15 th day of 9 th month	15 th day of 3 rd month 15th day of 10th month

Tax Return Due Dates and Extended Due Dates **After** Federal Law Change:

Entity	Federal	State of Wisconsin
Partnership	3/15	4/15
	9/15	9/15
S Corp	3/15	3/15
	9/15	10/15
Trust and Estate	4/15	4/15
	9/30	9/30
Exempt Organization	5/15	5/15
	11/15	9/15
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C Corp (Calendar Year)	4/15	3/15
	9/15	10/15
C Corp (fiscal year end 6/30)	9/15	9/15
	4/15	5/15
C Corp (fiscal year end not 12/31 or 6/30)	15 th day of 4 th month 15 th day of 10 th month	15th day of 3rd month 15th day of 11th month



WISCONSIN MANUFACTURERS & COMMERCE

TO: Members of the Senate Revenue, Financial Institutions and Rural Issues Committee

**FROM: Jason Culotta
Senior Director of Government Relations**

DATE: January 18, 2016

RE: Testimony on Senate Bill 2

Thank you for the opportunity to share comments with you today about Senate Bill 2, legislation to federalize Wisconsin's due dates for income and withholding tax filings and paying withholding tax installments.

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC) is the state chamber of commerce and largest general business association in Wisconsin. We were founded more than 100 years ago, and are proud to represent approximately 3,800 member companies of all sizes, and from every sector of our economy. Roughly one-fourth of the private sector workforce is employed by a WMC member. Our mission is to make Wisconsin the most competitive state in the nation in which to do business.

A pillar of WMC's tax policy agenda is easing compliance for taxpayers. Federalizing the state income tax code to the greatest extent possible is typically one way to accomplish this goal.

Senate Bill 2 largely provides for federalization of several tax due dates. The bill would be retroactive to January 2016 when the federal provisions first took effect.

Wisconsin is among five states which must make statutory changes to align our state code with the new federal standard.

One crucial exception that the bill does not fully address is the treatment of C corporations. By maintaining the state filing in March which is one month before the federal filing due in April, C corporations are placed in a difficult situation requiring they routinely seek extensions. Information contained in the federal filing is essential to completing the state filing.

Though not a loss of revenue to the state, adopting the same due dates for all C corporations would defer \$8 million to the second year of the state budget in what amounts to an accounting exercise where \$8 million would hit the state treasury one month later.

To allow for the inclusion of federal information on the state filing, the state's corporate income tax return due date would ideally be 30 days after the federal tax return due date.

One additional matter the bill could address to provide more certainty to taxpayers would be providing a safe harbor for companies filing the first quarter estimated payments based on the prior year's income. Often, estimating the amounts of tax owed in the first quarter is a difficult endeavor to accurately project. States with many domiciled C corporations like Illinois utilize this "prior year exception" for all four quarters, but providing it for even just the first quarter would be a benefit to Wisconsin taxpayers.

WMC believes this type of tax policy should apply uniformly to all businesses, regardless of how they are incorporated. We ask that you amend the bill such that C corporation filings are provided the same treatment. We would strongly support the bill with that amendment.