



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

<b>2019 Senate Joint Resolution 2</b>	<b>Senate Amendment 1</b>
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### **2019 JOINT RESOLUTION 2**

2019 Senate Joint Resolution 2 (the joint resolution) is a proposal to amend the Wisconsin Constitution (on second consideration), relating to the rights of crime victims. The joint resolution has commonly been referred to as “Marsy’s Law.” To become law, the proposed constitutional amendment must be adopted by both the Assembly and the Senate in two successive Legislatures and then submitted to the people for ratification. [Wis. Const. art. XII, s. 1.] Last session, the Legislature adopted 2017 Senate Joint Resolution 53, which became 2017 Enrolled Joint Resolution 13 and was the Legislature’s first consideration of Marsy’s Law.

The Legislature must set a date to submit the proposed constitutional amendment to the people for ratification and specify the question that appears on the ballot. The joint resolution specifies that the proposed constitutional amendment be submitted to a vote at the spring election held on **Tuesday, April 2, 2019**. When a proposed constitutional amendment is on its second consideration, “only the relating clause and those paragraphs of the joint resolution pertaining to the ballot question and to the date of submission to the voters may be changed by amendment.” [Wis. Const. art. XII, s. 1, and Joint Rule 57 (1) and (2) (am).]

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 (SA 1) to the joint resolution amends the date that the proposed constitutional amendment be submitted to a vote. Under SA 1, the proposed constitutional amendment must be submitted to a vote at the spring election held on **Tuesday, April 7, 2020**.

**BILL HISTORY**

SA 1 to the joint resolution was introduced by Senator Wangaard on May 13, 2019. On May 15, 2019, the Senate adopted SA 1 on a voice vote, and adopted the joint resolution, as amended by a vote of Ayes, 27; Noes, 5. Also on May 15, 2019, the Assembly concurred by a vote of Ayes, 82; Noes, 15.

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