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New Deadline to file Arkansas Corporate Income Taxes

Arkansas' corporations will have more time to file their 2016 income tax returns under legislation adopted by the Arkansas General Assembly this year. For those corporations who file on a calendar year basis, tax returns will now be due on April 15. Previously, the returns were due a month earlier, March 15.

The extended deadline was adopted under Act 48 of 2017 to keep Arkansas' deadline in line with a new deadline for filing federal corporate income tax returns. With the change, Arkansas' deadline will remain the same as that required for the federal return. For those corporations who file income tax returns on a fiscal year basis, returns will be due three-and-a-half months after the conclusion of the corporation's fiscal year.

Individual income tax payers are also reminded that the deadline for filing 2016 Arkansas state income tax returns has been extended until midnight, Tuesday, April 18, 2017. This extended due date also corresponds with a change to the federal filing deadline implemented as a result of Emancipation Day being celebrated in Washington, D.C.. Any Arkansas income tax returns or payments normally due on April 15, 2017, will now be due on April 18, 2017.

Taxpayers needing extra time to file their returns can request an extension. All taxpayers who have requested a federal filing extension are reminded that the federal extension is also good for the State return. To receive the State tax extension, simply check the federal extension box on the front of your Arkansas return.

For more Arkansas state income tax information visit the DFA web site at www.dfa.arkansas.gov. You can also call the:

- Arkansas Individual Income Tax Taxpayer Assistance Office toll-free at 1-800-882-9275 or for taxpayers in Pulaski County, or outside of Arkansas 501-682-1100.
- Arkansas Corporate Income Tax Taxpayer Assistance Office at 501-682-4775.