
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Municipal income tax return filing deadline

Under current law, the municipal income tax return filing deadline for all taxpayers is the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end of the taxpayer's taxable year. The bill prohibits municipal corporations from requiring taxpayers to file the municipal income tax annual return or report earlier than the federal income tax filing date for the corresponding tax reporting period as prescribed for such taxpayer under the Internal Revenue Code. Any taxpayer that is subject to any municipal corporation's tax on the net profit from a business or profession, and has received an extension to file the federal income tax return, shall not be required to file any municipal income tax return until the last day of the month to which the due date for filing the federal return has been extended, if, on or before the date for filing the municipal income tax return, the taxpayer notifies the tax commissioner of the federal extension through the Ohio business gateway. The majority of individual taxpayers with no business income are expected to have tax years coinciding with the calendar year, and hence, their tax deadline will remain April 15, or the applicable federal filing date. For taxpayers that are businesses or those taxpayers that are subject to a tax on net profits, their taxable year and their federal income tax filing dates may vary. However, the net fiscal effect of these provisions in the long run is likely to be negligible.

Other changes

Municipal corporations that require taxpayers to file income tax returns requiring the signature of the return preparer must accept a facsimile of such a signature. Further, the tax return forms shall provide a box the taxpayer may check to indicate his authorizing the tax administrator to communicate with the tax preparer in regard to the filed return. LSC does not foresee any significant fiscal impacts due to these two proposals.

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