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More corporations filing tax reports online in Nebraska

LINCOLN – Having business entities file their annual and biennial reports online is proving very successful says Secretary of State John Gale. In the first month of the reporting period, online filings for domestic and foreign corporations have increased more than 200 percent compared to the same period in 2012, the last time these reports were due from corporations

“One of my ongoing goals has been using technology to boost the use of online services. For over 20 years, the office has sent paper reports to business entities to be updated and filed. In December, we sent a postcard instead, reminding domestic and foreign corporations that they could file online directly.”

In January, 9,821 reports were processed online. The reports are not officially due until March 1. In January of 2012 only 2,882 reports were filed online.

In addition, business entities also had the option of printing out a prepopulated form and mailing it in with the payment, for those who still prefer paper filing.

“We’ve managed to reduce the number of tax filings that we process in-house by more than half based on our data in January. That’s significant savings in terms of the amount of staff time it takes to process those reports and our mailing costs,” said Gale.

In January 2012, 7,515 paper tax reports from domestic and foreign corporations were processed in-house. In 2014, that number dropped to 3,428 during the same period.

Domestic and foreign corporations doing business in Nebraska have until March 1 to submit their reports and tax payments. They are overdue by April 15.

Since 2011, limited liability companies have also been able to file tax reports online. Those are due in odd-numbered years. In 2011, 9,056 reports were submitted online. In 2013 the number of reports submitted online increased to 13,346.

“During those years, the majority of LLC tax reports were still mailed into our office,” explained Gale. “However, we hope that more LLCs, just like corporations, will take advantage of the online filing system when they report next year.”

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