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Two Olsen Bills Signed Into Law

Madison... Two bills authored by State Senator Luther S. Olsen (R-Ripon) were signed into law today at a bill signing ceremony at the State Capitol.

The first bill, Senate Bill 160, allows school districts to notify school board members of special meetings via phone, e-mail, or text message. “This new law reflects how people live and work today, by expanding notification options to include electronic communications,” explained Senator Olsen. Previously, notice of special school board meetings could only be delivered personally or through the mail. Senate Bill 160 is now 2019 Wisconsin Act 96.

The second bill, Senate Bill 231, aligns crossbow transport laws with current bow and firearm laws. “This new law will alleviate the existing confusion about how crossbows can be transported, so law-abiding citizens do not unintentionally break the law when transporting crossbows,” said Senator Olsen. Senate Bill 231 allows crossbows to be transported when cocked and unloaded to reflect that current crossbow technology makes uncocking a crossbow dangerous because of the stored energy the string holds. The idea for this legislation was brought to Senator Olsen and Representative Joan Ballweg, the lead Assembly author, by a constituent. Senate Bill 231 is now 2019 Wisconsin Act 98.

“Both of these bills are common sense updates to state law. They are part of my ongoing efforts to make sure our state laws are keeping up with modern technology,” Olsen said. Senate Bill 160 and Senate Bill 231 received final approval from the State Senate and State Assembly in January.