

Printing and Distribution of Certain State Publications; HB 2615

HB 2615 amends law regarding certain official state publications. The bill, among other things, removes the State Printer from the session law publication process, effectively allowing the Secretary of State to work with another vendor. The bill also eliminates the automatic delivery of the *Kansas Statutes Annotated* and all supplements to certain elected officials, officers, and appointed officials. Moreover, the bill clarifies the digital publication process for Kansas rules and regulations, and allows the Secretary of State to recoup costs for maintaining and storing rules and regulations digitally within a searchable database.

Session Law Printing and Distribution Requirement Changes

The bill removes references to the State Printer from requirements to publish the session laws.

The bill allows the Secretary of State to deliver printed and bound sets of the *Kansas Statutes Annotated* to the following upon request instead of automatically:

- Each member of the Legislature;
- Governor;
- Lieutenant Governor; and
- Attorney General.

The bill requires the Secretary of State to deliver supplements to the *Kansas Statutes Annotated* to all state officers, county officers, and other department officers only upon their request.

The bill also requires the Secretary of State to deliver a set of supplements to each returning member of the Legislature, upon request. The bill requires the Secretary of State to contact each returning member via email to their legislative email account, a total of three times if no previous response, seeking to determine whether a member would like to receive a set of the *Kansas Statutes Annotated* supplements.

Duties Regarding Publication of Rules and Regulations

The bill removes requirements for the State Rules and Regulations Board to determine the rules and regulations to be published in the Kansas Administrative Regulations and supplements to it and revokes a statute requiring the Board to meet for that purpose.

The bill also removes requirements for the Secretary of State to annually publish the rules and regulations or a supplement; edit, prepare, and publish replacement volumes of the Kansas Administrative Regulations; and publish and make available annual supplements to the Kansas Administrative Regulations.

Digital Publication and Maintenance of Kansas Rules and Regulations

The bill eliminates references to purchases of annual supplements and volumes of the Kansas Administrative Regulations within the Rules and Regulations Filing Act, and requires the Secretary of State to maintain current Kansas administrative rules and regulations in an existing searchable database. The bill also allows the Secretary of State to recover costs associated with maintaining the referenced database.