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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2719

As Recommended by House Committee on
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

Brief*

HB 2719 would add to the Rules and Regulations Filing Act exceptions for technical amendments to existing rules and regulations and procedures give priority status to certain rules and regulations.

The bill also would make technical and conforming amendments.

Technical Amendments to Existing Rule and Regulation

The bill would prohibit an agency being required to initiate new rulemaking procedures if such agency proposes technical amendments to an existing rule or regulation. The bill would authorize an agency to immediately adopt technical amendments upon review and approval by the Department of Administration.

This section would be part of and supplemental to the Rules and Regulations Filing Act.

Priority Status

When an agency proposes a new rule or regulation that meets the requirements for priority status, the bill would require the agency to indicate as such when submitting the rule and regulation for review. Such proposed rule and

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regulation would be processed ahead of any other proposed rule and regulation by the adopting agency, Department of Administration, Attorney General, Department of the Budget, and the Secretary of State.

This section also would be added to the Rules and Regulations Filing Act.

Disposal Schedules

The bill would remove the requirement that the State Records Board file public record disposal schedules with the Secretary of State.

Documentation and Approval

If a public hearing was held prior to the adoption of the rule and regulation, the bill would require an agency, when filing a rule and regulation with the Secretary of State, to provide documentation stating the time and place of the meeting and the number of public attendees in the adoption certificate or in a separate document. This document is to be separate from an economic impact report.

The bill would remove a requirement the Director of the Budget approve a rule and regulation that is required by a federal mandate. The bill would clarify that a rule and regulation may be filed with the Secretary of State without approval from the Director of the Budget in case of a federal mandate.

To a requirement for a statement of the principal reasons for adopting a rule and regulation, the bill would add a requirement that statement be included in the record of the hearing on the rule and regulation.

Public Input

The bill would require an agency, at least 15 days prior to submitting a new or amended rule and regulation to the Department of Administration, to provide public notice and request public input by:

- Posting notice on the agency's and the Secretary of State's websites;
- Including it in the Secretary of State's rules and regulations subscription service; and
- Emailing it to each Kansas legislator.

Such notice would include a summary of the content of the rule and regulation, agency's intent regarding scope and substantive content of the rule and regulation, and a citation to the authorizing statute or enacted bill. The notice would also be required to include contact information and methods for submitting input.

Notice of a Temporary Rule and Regulation

The bill would remove the requirement for any temporary rule and regulation that is required to be adopted as a temporary rule and regulation to comply with statutory requirements to give at least 60 days' notice in the *Kansas Register* and to the Secretary of State, and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations of its intended action.

Definitions

The bill would define the following terms:

- "Technical amendment" to mean:
 - Updating or changing cross references to statutes or other regulations;

- Redesignating portions of a rule and regulation for organizational clarity that does not alter substantive meaning;
 - Standardizing capitalization, punctuation, or formatting;
 - Correcting spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors that do not alter substantive meaning;
 - Replacing obsolete agency, board, or position titles with current names;
 - Changing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses or website URLs to current contact information; and
 - Revising references to state forms or publications.
- “Priority” or “Priority status” to mean a proposed rule and regulation that an agency has been directed to adopt by an act of the Legislature within nine months of the act’s effective date or that an act has specified would receive priority status.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development at the request of the Office of the Secretary of State.

House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Office of the Secretary of State and United We. Proponents voiced support for the ability to streamline the adoption process and allowing Kansas to maintain a competitive edge over other states in accelerating the state’s administrative procedures.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget, the bill would have no fiscal impact on the State. A fiscal effect resulting from staff time saved cannot be estimated.

Rules and regulations; filing act; administrative rules; technical amendment;