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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Committee on Legislative Modernization

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Re: House Bill No. 2615

Date: February 7, 2024

Summary

House Bill No. 2615 relates to the publishing, printing and distribution of state laws and administrative rules and regulations.

House Bill No. 2615 would effect a number of changes in law relating to the publishing, printing and distribution of the session laws, statutes and administrative rules and regulations. The proposed changes include process clean up and technical amendments that include:

- (1) Removing the state printer from the timeline for printing the session laws (Section 1; K.S.A. 45-315; page 1);
- (2) providing that statewide elected officials and members of the legislature will receive statute books and supplements thereto when requested rather than automatically (Sections 2 and 3; K.S.A. 77-138 and 77-165; pages 1-4); and
- (3) removing many statutory references to the Kansas administrative rules and regulations volumes and supplements thereto as a result of publishing the rules and regulations electronically rather than printed volumes. Additional related provisions require the Secretary of State to maintain a searchable database of all rules and regulations and to set prices of the rules and regulations to cover the costs of publishing, maintaining and storing the rules and regulations and databases in electronic form. (Sections 4, 5 6, 7; K.S.A. 77-423, 77-429, 77-430 and 77-435 and repealing K.S.A. 77-724, 77-428, 77-430 and 77-430a; pages 4-7).

The bill was requested by the Kansas Secretary of State