

HB 1616 -- ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

SPONSOR: Hanaway

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 14 to 3.

This bill allows the Secretary of State to prescribe the format and medium for publication of the Missouri Register; the Code of State Regulations; and all rules, notices of proposed rulemaking, and orders of rulemaking. Publication in writing will be available upon request.

Under current law, new language in notices of proposed rulemaking may either be underlined or printed in boldface type. The bill eliminates that option and requires the bolding of new language.

Rules, regulations, standards, and guidelines of any agency of the United States or a nationally or state-recognized organization or association may be incorporated by reference in agency rules by state agencies without publishing the information in full. The reference must be sufficient to determine where to obtain copies of the referenced material. A full copy of the rule, regulation, standard, or guideline must be maintained by the agency referencing it and must be available for public inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Income on General Revenue Fund of \$40,000 to Unknown in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will facilitate the dissemination of information and will save the Secretary of State's Office money.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Hanaway and Byrd; and Office of Secretary of State.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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