

HB 527 -- CORPORATE NAME RESERVATIONS

SPONSOR: Cooper (120)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 9 to 1.

Currently, the Secretary of State reserves a corporate name for an applicant's exclusive use for a 60-day period. This bill extends that holding period to a maximum of 180 days from the date of the first application and prohibits the name from being placed back in a reserve status.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will clarify the state policy for corporate name reservations for not-for-profit companies. Currently, for-profit corporations are bound by the 180-day reserve status period. The bill will make the not-for-profit and for-profit corporate name reservation process uniform.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cooper (120); and Office of Secretary of State.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.