

SB 294 -- CORPORATE NAME RESERVATIONS

SPONSOR: Barnitz (Smith, 150)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 14 to 0.

Currently, the Secretary of State reserves a not-for-profit corporate name for an applicant's exclusive use for a 60-day period and allows unlimited renewals. This bill makes the holding period for not-for-profit and for-profit corporate name reservations uniform by limiting the total duration for which a not-for-profit corporate name can be reserved to 180 days.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will standardize the time limit for name reservation for non-profit and for-profit corporations and will prevent people from reserving names they don't intend to use.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Barnitz; and Office of the Secretary of State.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.