

HB 1081 -- PAPERLESS DOCUMENTS AND FORMS ACT

SPONSOR: McCaherty

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill establishes the Paperless Documents and Forms Act which authorizes the Department of Revenue to use technology to make filing certain forms and sending certain notifications more efficient. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Requires, beginning no later than January 1, 2015, the department to develop and implement, by January 1, 2021, a method by which all documents and forms provided to the public by the department relating to taxes and fees are available in an electronic format online and are capable of electronic submission to the department except those that require a notary or authorization by a third party;

(2) Allows the department director to use electronic notification of specified information when the taxpayer has consented to its use and provides an e-mail address in lieu of and in full satisfaction of any requirement to provide the notification by mail; and

(3) Specifies that these provisions do not authorize the creation of state-run tax electronic filing of individual income tax returns.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill requires the Department of Revenue to start providing access to forms online.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McCaherty; Paul Harper, Legislative Director for Department of Revenue; and John Davidson.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.