

HB 2563 -- ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

SPONSOR: Keathley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, the Secretary of State has the authority to make several types of nonsubstantive changes to the code of state regulations, including updating changes to department or division names; updating changes in state agency addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and website addresses; and making typographical or spelling corrections.

This bill allows the Secretary of State to additionally correct intersectional references upon the filing of a request by a state agency or on the Secretary's own initiative.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the Secretary should be allowed to correct statutory references in proposed rules when something is incorrect. Without this in effect, some rules have to be passed a second time or are stricken. This aids efficiency and matches procedures for other minor, nonsubstantive errors. This saves a lot of state agencies time instead of slowing down issues by up to six months. It's a commonsense bill.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Keathley; Arnie Dienoff; and Amanda Bell, Secretary of State.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.