



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 2563		DATE: 3/4/2026	
COMMITTEE: Special Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: AMANDA BELL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-751-3033	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SECRETARY OF STATE		TITLE: LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 600 W MAIN ST			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65102
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/4/2026 12:00 AM	
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 2563		DATE: 3/4/2026	
COMMITTEE: Special Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. A.C. "HONEST ABE" DIENOFF		PHONE NUMBER: 314-440-9000	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: STATE PUBLIC ADVOCACY		TITLE: STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE	
ADDRESS: PO BOX 1535			
CITY: O'FALLON		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63366
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/4/2026 12:00 AM	

THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 2563		DATE: 3/4/2026	
COMMITTEE: Special Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: BYRON KEELIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-402-0655	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: FREEDOM PRINCIPLE		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
ADDRESS: PO BOX 2			
CITY: BALLWIN		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63022
EMAIL: freedomprinciplemo@protonmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/2/2026 5:48 AM	

THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.

We support HB2563 because it streamlines the process of keeping Missouri's administrative rules accurate and current. Too often, confusing or outdated information in official regulations creates difficulties for citizens, businesses, and government agencies trying to comply with state law. By allowing the Secretary of State to make non-substantive, technical corrections—such as updating agency names or contact information—this bill improves transparency, clarity, and efficiency. It ensures that the public can trust they are accessing correct and timely information, while also saving resources otherwise spent on navigating confusing or obsolete administrative rules. This practical improvement benefits everyone.



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 2563		DATE: 3/4/2026	
COMMITTEE: Special Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs			
TESTIFYING: <input type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/2/2026 8:51 AM	

THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.

HB 2563 expands unilateral executive editing authority over binding regulatory text by authorizing the Secretary of State to make “nonsubstantive changes” and to correct “intersectional references” in the Code of State Regulations and in the publication of proposed and final rules. These terms are not defined and provide no enforceable standard to ensure that edits cannot alter legal meaning, scope, or compliance obligations.

This structure creates foreseeable constitutional and administrative-law defects. Regulated Missourians are entitled to fair notice of what the law requires. When “corrections” are permitted without a clear statutory limitation, without a mandatory public redline, and without an errata process that preserves the original promulgated text, the State invites due process challenges and inconsistent enforcement based on competing versions of the “same” rule.

If the General Assembly intends only ministerial updates (agency name, address, contact information), HB 2563 should be narrowed to that objective. As drafted, the bill’s undefined authority to modify “intersectional references” creates avoidable litigation risk and undermines the integrity of the administrative record relied upon for notice, compliance, and judicial review.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to oppose HB 2563

The General Assembly is placed on formal notice that HB 2563, by granting undefined authority to alter codified regulatory text and rule publications under labels such as “nonsubstantive” and “intersectional references,” foreseeably creates due-process and separation-of-powers litigation risk if any correction changes meaning, scope, applicability, obligations, exemptions, deadlines, or enforcement consequences, or if corrected compilations diverge from the text actually promulgated through required APA procedures.