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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thompson
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 21, 2024

Subject: HB 2615 – Publishing, printing, and distribution of state laws and administrative rules and regulations.

House Bill No. 2615 (HB 2615) would amend several statutes relating to the publishing, printing, and distribution of the session laws, statutes, and administrative rules and regulations.

HB 2615 proposed the following procedural and technical amendments:

- (1) Removing the state printer from the timeline for printing the session laws (Section 1; K.S.A. 45-315; page 1);
- (2) providing that statewide elected officials and returning members of the legislature will receive statute books and supplements thereto when requested rather than automatically. New members of the legislature would still automatically receive a set of statute books and supplements (Sections 2 and 3; K.S.A. 77-138 and 77-165; pages 1-4); and
- (3) removing many statutory references to the Kansas administrative rules and regulations volumes and supplements thereto as a result of publishing the rules and regulations electronically rather than printed volumes. Additional related provisions require the Secretary of State to maintain a searchable database of all rules and regulations and to set prices of the rules and regulations to cover the costs of publishing, maintaining, and storing the rules and regulations and databases in electronic form. (Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7; K.S.A. 77-423, 77-429, 77-430 and 77-435 and repealing K.S.A. 77-724, 77-428, 77-430 and 77-430a; pages 4-7).

HB 2615 passed the House on a final action vote of 119-1.

If enacted, HB 2615 would become effective on July 1, 2024.

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