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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2391

As Amended by House Committee on
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

Brief*

HB 2391, as amended, would revise and update certain provisions pertaining to business and other related filings and repeal obsolete laws.

Business Filings

The bill would change the annual report currently required to be filed with the Secretary of State by business entities to a biennial business entity information report beginning in 2023. The current annual report fee of \$40 would be replaced by a fee of \$80 for each biennially filed report.

Business entities formed in even-numbered years would be required to file reports in even-numbered years and business entities formed in odd-numbered years would be required to file reports in odd-numbered years, except that it would be permissible for filers to file reports in 2023 for multiple entities formed in both odd and even-numbered years prior to 2023 and in odd-numbered years thereafter.

The bill would allow for business filings with the Secretary of State to be signed *via* electronic signature.

The bill would eliminate various obsolete references to previously repealed statutes related to business filings.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Blanket Music Licenses

The bill would repeal statutes requiring blanket music licenses and related documents to be filed with the Secretary of State and providing for service of process upon the Secretary of State in any legal action related to blanket music licenses.

Street Address Definition

The bill would define “street address” within the Kansas Uniform Partnership Act to be the location including the number, street, city, and postal code.

Social Security Number Redaction

The bill would provide an exception to existing law requiring social security numbers to be redacted from certain filed documents if the social security number was improperly placed on a form or included in an attachment to the form by the individual filing the document.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development at the request of the Office of the Secretary of State.

[*Note:* The bill contains provisions similar to those of 2020 SB 251, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Commerce and certain provisions of 2020 SB 424, as amended by the Senate Committee of the Whole.]

***House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic
Development***

In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State testified as a **proponent** on the bill, stating the bill would update several statutes related to business services to reduce the burden on Kansas businesses and improve efficiency in the Office of the Secretary of State.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to permit filers to file reports for multiple entities formed in both odd and even-numbered years in 2023 and in odd-numbered years thereafter.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Office of the Secretary of State indicates enactment of the bill would have no effect on state revenues and may result in a reduction in expenditures once the bill has been implemented.

Business filings; Blanket Music licenses; Secretary of State