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3 4 5	(By Delegates Morgan, Stephens, Jones, Paxton, Smith, P., Staggers, Hartman and Lynch)
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7	Committee on Government Organization then Finance.]
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11	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$29A-2-7$ of the Code of West Virginia,
12	1931, as amended, relating to publication of the State
13	Register; providing that the State Register and its
14	supplements will be available only in electronic format with
15	limited exceptions; and providing that the fees collected for
16	the sale of certain records will be deposited in equal amounts
17	into the General Revenue Fund and the service fees and
18	collections account.
19	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
20	That §29A-2-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended
21	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
22	ARTICLE 2. STATE REGISTER.
23	§29A-2-7. Publication of State Register.
24	(a) The Legislature intends that the Secretary of State offer
25	to the public access to <del>copies of</del> the State Register and Code of

- 1 State Rules. The State Register, the Code of State Rules and other
- 2 publications documents produced by the Secretary of State's office
- 3 shall be available in electronic format on the Secretary of State's
- 4 website. A person may request a printed copy of such from the
- 5 Secretary of State for a fee.
- 6 (b) All materials filed in the State Register shall be indexed
- 7 daily as quickly as possible in chronological order of filing with
- 8 a brief description of the item filed and a columnar cross index
- 9 to:
- 10 (1) Agency;
- 11 (2) Code citation to which it relates and by which it is filed
- 12 in the State Register; and
- 13 (3) Other information in the description or cross index as the
- 14 Secretary of State believes will aid a person in using the index.
- 15 (c) The Secretary of State shall provide post on the website
- 16 with each update of the Code of State Rules, a copy of the rule
- 17 monitor and its cross index which shows the rules that have become
- 18 effective, but not yet distributed and the rules which may be
- 19 superseded by a rule which is being proposed. The copy of the rule
- 20 monitor distributed with the updates of the Code of State Rules
- 21 shall state plainly that this version of the rule monitor only
- 22 shows the status of the promulgation of rules as of the date of
- 23 distribution of the update of the Code of State Rules, and that to
- 24 obtain the most recent status of the rules, the user should consult

1 the rule monitor in the most recent publication and instructions to 2 users on how to use the rule monitor determining the version of the 3 rule in the Code of State Rules currently in effect. This 4 subsection is not to be construed to require that subscribers to 5 the updates of the Code of State Rules receive a subscription to 6 the State Register. and a table showing rules which are out for 7 public comment, and agency-approved, modified and emergency rules. (d) The Secretary of State shall produce in an electronic 9 format the permanent biennial State Register, the chronological 10 index and other materials filed in the register, or any part by 11 agency or section, article or chapter for subscription at a cost 12 including labor, paper and postage, sufficient in the Secretary of 13 State's judgment to defray the expense of such publication. The 14 Secretary of State shall also offer, at least at monthly intervals, 15 supplements to the published materials listed above. Any 16 subscription for monthly supplements shall be offered annually and 17 shall include the chronological index and materials related to an 18 agency or code citation as a person may designate. A person may 19 limit the request to notices only, to notices and rules, or to 20 notices and proposed rules, or any combination thereof. 21 (e) Every two years, the Secretary of State shall offer for 22 purchase succeeding biennial permanent state registers which shall 23 consist of all rules effective on the date of publication selected 24 by the Secretary of State, which date shall be at least two years

- 1 from the last publication date, and materials filed in the State
- 2 Register relating to the rule. The cost of the succeeding biennial
- 3 permanent State Register and for the portion relating to any agency
- 4 or any code citation which may be designated by a person shall be
- 5 fixed in the same manner specified in subsection (d) of this
- 6 section.
- 7 (f) The Secretary of State may omit from any duplication made
- 8 pursuant to subsection (e) of this section any rules the
- 9 publication of which would be unduly cumbersome, expensive or
- 10 otherwise inexpedient, if a copy of such rules is made available
- 11 from the original filing of such rule, at a price not exceeding the
- 12 cost of publication, and if the volume from which such rule is
- 13 omitted includes a notice in that portion of the publication in
- 14 which the rule would have been located, stating:
- 15 (1) The general subject matter of the omitted rule;
- 16 (2) Each code citation to which the omitted rule relates; and
- 17 (3) The means by which a copy of the omitted rule may be
- 18 <del>obtained.</del>
- 19 <del>(g)</del> (d) The Secretary of State may <del>only</del> propose changes to the
- 20 procedures outlined in the above subsection this section by
- 21 proposing a legislative rule under the provisions of section nine,
- 22 article three of this chapter.
- 23 (h) The Secretary of State shall promulgate for legislative
- 24 approval in accordance with the provisions of article three, of

1 this chapter a fees schedule for publications described in this

2 section.

- (i) (e) One half of all the fees and amounts collected for the sale of the State Register, the Code of State Rules and other copies or data provided by the Secretary of State shall be deposited in the State General Revenue Fund and one half of the fees in the service fees and collections account established in accordance with subsection (f), section two, article one, chapter fifty-nine of this code for the operations of the office of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall dedicate sufficient resources from that fund or other funds to provide the services required in this article.
- (f) A person who is unable to access electronic versions of

  documents may review the documents at the office of the Secretary

  of State, or may request a printed copy at a cost which is

  sufficient, in the judgment of the Secretary of State, to defray

  the expenses of publication, including labor, paper and postage:

  Provided, That the Secretary of State may waive the fee.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to correct an inconsistency in the code relating to the deposit of funds from the State Register and to ensure the use of electronic versions of the Register, rule monitor and index.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.