

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 5067

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**As Reported By House Committee On:**  
Government Administration

**Title:** An act relating to filing of business and nonprofit documents with the secretary of state.

**Brief Description:** Allowing facsimile filings with the secretary of state's office.

**Sponsors:** Senators Roach, Haugen, Johnson and Winsley; by request of Secretary of State.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Government Administration: 3/21/97, 3/25/97, 3/18/98 [DP].

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives D. Schmidt, Chairman; D. Sommers, Vice Chairman; Scott, Ranking Minority Member; Doumit; Dunn; Dunshee; Murray; L. Thomas; Wensman and Wolfe.

**Staff:** Steve Lundin (786-7127).

**Background:** Businesses, partnerships, and corporations doing business in Washington must file various documents in the Office of the Secretary of State.

**Summary of Bill:** The Secretary of State shall accept and file facsimile transmissions of any documents required from businesses, partnerships, and corporations, including nonprofit corporations. Documents submitted via facsimile transmission must satisfy legal requirements for form and content, including legibility. If a document must be signed by a specified party, the signature on the facsimile transmission satisfies that requirement. The Secretary of State may reject the document if a fee required in conjunction with the document is not received before or at the time of receipt of the document.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** None.