

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2028

As Reported by House Committee On:
State Government, Elections & Information Technology

Title: An act relating to legislative technology.

Brief Description: Concerning legislative technology.

Sponsors: Representative Hudgins; by request of Joint Legislative Systems Committee.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government, Elections & Information Technology: 2/15/17 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Establishes the Legislative Technology Solutions office.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Hudgins, Chair; Dolan, Vice Chair; Koster, Ranking Minority Member; Volz, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Gregerson, Irwin, Kraft and Pellicciotti.

Staff: Megan Palchak (786-7105).

Background:

The Legislative Service Center (Center) provides automatic data processing services, equipment, training, and support to the Legislature and legislative agencies. The Center may, by agreement, provide services to governmental entities and public access to legislative information.

The Joint Legislative Systems Committee (Systems Committee) was created to oversee the direction of information processing and communications systems of the Legislature by enforcing policies, procedures, and standards. The Systems Committee consists of four

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members from each of the two largest caucuses of the House of Representatives and Senate. An administrative committee manages information processing and communications systems, and is coordinated by the legislative systems coordinator who serves as the head of the Center.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

The Legislative Service Center is redefined as an office referred to as the Office of Legislative Technology Solutions (OLTS). The Joint Legislative Systems Administrative Committee is renamed and defined as the Joint Legislative Technology Administrative Committee. The Director of the Legislative Technology Solutions agency replaces the Administrative Coordinator. The term "systems" is replaced with "technology" throughout provisions governing the OLTS.

Requirements regarding reimbursement of travel expenses for Committee members are removed.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The Legislative Service Center is redefined as an office rather than agency, to be referred to as the Office of Legislative Technology Solutions.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Renaming the Legislative Service Center, commonly referred to as "Leg-Tech," more accurately reflects the work of the organization and its high value employees.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Mike Rohrbach, Legislative Service Center.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.