

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 5544**

**AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 13, 1991**

**Brief Description:** Authorizing corporations to use a private mailbox as a mailing address.

**SPONSORS:** Senator Metcalf.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Nelson, Chairman; Thorsness, Vice Chairman; Erwin, Hayner, Madsen, Newhouse, and A. Smith.

**Staff:** Ben Barnes (786-7465)

**Hearing Dates:** February 22, 1991; February 28, 1991

**BACKGROUND:**

Current law requires each corporation operating within this state to maintain a registered office and a registered agent at a specific street address within the state. For purposes of communicating by mail, however, the Secretary of State may permit a corporation to use a post office address.

It is recommended that corporations be authorized to use private mailboxes for the purpose of communicating by mail with the Secretary of State.

**SUMMARY:**

For purposes of communicating by mail, the Secretary of State may permit a corporation to use the address of a commercial mail receiving agency that rents private mailboxes.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

The bill would facilitate mail delivery to corporations located in rural areas of the state.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Senator Metcalf (pro); Helen Morris, Secretary of State's office