

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5803

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### FULL VETO

As Passed Legislature

**Brief Description:** Allowing electronic distribution of rules notices.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Finkbeiner and McCaslin; by request of Department of Revenue).

**Senate Committee on Government Operations**

**House Committee on Government Administration**

**Background:** The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) permits agencies to allow public comment on proposed rules by means of telefacsimile (fax) when the agency has the necessary receiving equipment. There are no provisions for communication by electronic mail or for agencies to transmit agency notices by either electronic mail or by fax.

**Summary:** The definition of mail or send- is added to the APA. This definition means regular mail, fax or electronic mail and applies to any notice relating to rule-making policy or interpretative statements. Agencies that have the capacity to transmit electronically may ask persons entitled to receive agency notices whether they would like to receive them electronically. If a person requests electronic distribution, distribution by electronic mail or fax may substitute for mailed copies.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	46	0	
House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate	42	0	(Senate concurred)