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9. It updates and clarifies the provision that requires the Secretary of State to post agency rule-making notices regarding adoption online.
10. It requires the Secretary of State to post online a brief explanation of the rule-making process, including an explanation of how a public hearing on a proposed rule may be requested if such a hearing has not been scheduled.
11. It revises the provision regarding agencies' filing of adopted rules to:
 - A. Account for technological updates, including the availability of rules and rule-making information and notifications online;
 - B. Account for the fact that the Secretary of State does not compile and publish a formal code or registry of state agency rules;
 - C. Relocate and revise the provision regarding the incorporation of materials by reference by agencies into their rules;
 - D. Update and clarify the provision regarding certification of adopted rules by the Secretary of State; and
 - E. Strengthen the provision that authorizes minor errors in rules to be corrected by the Secretary of State without agency rulemaking having to occur.
12. It revises current provisions concerning annual reports that are provided by the Secretary of State to the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters.
13. It removes the provision that requires agencies to include a fiscal impact note at the end of each rule, as such information is now collected in other documents that accompany proposed and adopted rule filings with the Secretary of State.
14. It makes various technical corrections.

LD 1797 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Denials of Public Records Requests

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 186 provides that a public body, agency or official that denies a request for inspection or copying of a public record must include in the written notice of denial a citation to the statutory authority used as the basis for the denial.