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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 719**

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Committee:

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend  
2 section 84-907.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;  
3 to require a report for each proposed rule or regulation;  
4 and to repeal the original section.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 84-907.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           84-907.04 (1) At the time an agency finalizes a proposed  
4 rule or regulation and prior to submission to the Secretary of State,  
5 Attorney General, and Governor, the agency shall attach to the  
6 proposed rule or regulation a concise explanatory statement  
7 containing:

8           (a) Its reasons for adopting the rule or regulation;

9           (b) An indication of any change between the text of the  
10 proposed rule or regulation contained or referenced in the published  
11 notice and the text of the rule or regulation to be adopted, with the  
12 reasons for any change; and

13           (c) When procedural rules differ from the model rules,  
14 the agency's reasons why relevant portions of the model rules were  
15 impracticable under the circumstances.

16           (2) Only the reasons contained in the concise explanatory  
17 statement may be used by an agency as justifications for the adoption  
18 of the rule or regulation in any proceeding in which its validity is  
19 at issue.

20           (3) The agency shall also attach to the proposed rule or  
21 regulation a written report that includes a summary of the testimony  
22 offered at the public hearing and that lists any specific issues or  
23 questions that were presented by individuals or representatives of  
24 organizations at the hearing or in written testimony submitted as  
25 part of the public hearing process. The report shall also include a

1 response from the agency proposing the regulatory change to the  
2 questions and issues that were presented by individuals or  
3 representatives of organizations at the hearing or in written  
4 testimony submitted as part of the public hearing process. The  
5 written report shall also be submitted to the Executive Board of the  
6 Legislative Council.

7           Sec. 2. Original section 84-907.04, Reissue Revised  
8 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.