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TO: State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

FROM: Andria Hardin, Legislative Attorney

DATE: March 6, 2026

RE: Legislative Administrative Rule Review Report

Pursuant to 5-5-228, MCA, the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee has prepared this report for informational purposes only. This report does not represent any action or opinion of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee and does not preclude additional action that may be taken by the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee pursuant to its authority under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, chapter 4, MCA).

MAR NOTICE NUMBER: 2026-17.1

AGENCY/BOARD: Secretary of State

RULE CLASSIFICATION (e.g., substantive/interpretive/emergency/temporary): Substantive

SUBJECT: Extension of the Waiver for State Agency Filing Fees Related to Publication in the Montana Administrative Register

NOTICE DESCRIPTION (e.g., proposal notice/adoption notice): Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

SUMMARY OF RULE(S): The proposal seeks to amend ARM 1.4.107 to extend the Secretary of State's Office current waiver for state agency publication of rulemaking in the Montana Administrative Register through FY 2028. The original rule in 2024 provided a fee structure to begin in FY 2026. In 2025, the rule was amended to delay payments beginning in 2027. This current rule proposal now delays the payment of filing fees until FY 2028. The Secretary of State says this rule will save state agencies approximately \$100,000 in FY 2027, made possible by operational efficiencies through the implementation of the new administrative rules platform in 2025.

NOTES: A public hearing will be held on March 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Secretary of State's Office conference room, room 260, at the State Capitol, Helena, Montana. The public comment period ends on April 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

STAFF COMMENT: None.

FULL TEXT OF NOTICE: <https://rules.mt.gov/browse/collections/5e1173a6-33c7-4df8-b426-5e0077cfc430/policies/3aacb28c-2d48-4863-a099-ea96a5e8c616>