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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 212

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the secretary of state to study the feasibility of creating and maintaining a portal on the Department of State's website to allow citizens to identify unduly burdensome statewide regulations and to propose potentially less burdensome alternatives and which would provide a mechanism for sharing the information with appropriate state entities for consideration in their rulemaking processes.

WHEREAS, unduly burdensome regulations create barriers to entrepreneurs entering certain industries and may prevent existing industries from efficiently creating new products and processes; and

WHEREAS, the failure to recognize differences in the impact of regulations on the resources of regulated businesses may cause smaller businesses to bear a disproportionate share of cost of otherwise uniform regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, creative, alternative, and nonuniform regulatory approaches that nevertheless protect the health, safety, and economic welfare of Louisiana may reduce the adverse impact of regulations on entrepreneurs and businesses; and

WHEREAS, currently, a public comment period is required when agencies intend to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations; and

WHEREAS, although there is a process by which individuals can petition an agency to consider changes to regulations, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana believes that creating an easily accessible portal will foster additional civic engagement in the rulemaking process; and

WHEREAS, states throughout the United States have implemented various reforms to the development of state regulations to ensure existing regulations are subject to periodic scrutiny to determine whether there is a continued need for the regulation or whether modification should be sought; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana understands the necessity of reviewing existing regulations and obtaining public comments on government processes and believes that providing a portal on the Department of State's website supports this cause; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana realizes the need to streamline business processes to create a vibrant small business sector and believes this study is in furtherance of the legislative findings enacted in the Louisiana Small Business Protection Act, R.S. 49:974.2.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the secretary of state to study the feasibility of creating and maintaining a portal on the Department of State's website to allow users to identify unduly burdensome statewide regulations and to propose potentially less burdensome alternatives and which would provide a mechanism for sharing the information with appropriate state entities for consideration in their rulemaking processes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each statewide rulemaking agency is hereby requested to provide the following information to the secretary of state's office within one year:

- (1) Information regarding each official or employee within the agency involved in its rulemaking process.
- (2) Contact information for the individuals responsible for rulemaking inquiries.
- (3) Other information as requested by the secretary of state and necessary to study the feasibility of creating the portal contemplated by this Resolution.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES