DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for notifications and gubernatorial authority with respect to administrative rules.

Present law provides that prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule, the agency shall give notice of its intended action. The notice of the intent and the approved fiscal and economic impact statements shall be mailed to all persons who have made timely request of the agency for such notice.

Proposed law retains present law and also requires the notice of intent and the approved fiscal and economic impact statements to be transmitted to each member of the legislature via electronic mail.

Present law provides that no later than five days after the adoption of an emergency rule, the agency shall provide notice in writing of its emergency action along with a copy of the emergency rule. The notice shall be transmitted to the governor, the attorney general, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president of the Senate, and the office of the state register.

Proposed law retains present law and also requires the notice to be transmitted to each member of the legislature via electronic mail.

Present law provides that the chairman of each standing committee to which reports are submitted shall appoint an oversight subcommittee, which may conduct hearings on all rules that are proposed for adoption, amendment, or repeal and on all proposed fee adoptions, increases, or decreases. The subcommittee shall make a determination in regards to whether the rule change or action on fees is acceptable or unacceptable. If the subcommittee determines that a proposed rule change or proposed fee action is unacceptable, it shall provide a written report to the governor, the agency proposing the rule change, and the Louisiana Register no later than four days after its determination. Proposed law retains present law. Present law further provides that after receipt of the report of the subcommittee, the governor has 10 calendar days in which to disapprove the action taken by the subcommittee. Proposed law retains present law but removes the governor's authority to disapprove any action taken by the subcommittee if such action is approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the subcommittee who are present and voting, provided a quorum is present.

Present law provides that the governor, by executive order, may suspend or veto any rule or regulation or body of rules or regulations adopted by a state department, agency, board or commission within 30 days of their adoption.

Proposed law repeals present law.
Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(c) and (F)(3)(c), 953.1(B)(2)(a), and 968(B)(intro. para.) and (G); Repeals R.S. 49:970)