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Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 6 in the 4th line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "rule" the following: 'and an e-mail link to the agency liaison'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 6 in the 4th line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "shall" the following: 'either'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 6 in the 6th line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "links to the rules" and inserting the following: 'link to the rules posted'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 8. Rulemaking notice redesign. The Secretary of State shall redesign the so-called "MAPA-3" and "MAPA-4" notices that are filled out by each department, bureau or agency when submitting proposed and adopted rules to the Secretary of State. The redesigned notices must include a summary paragraph that is easily identified by any member of the public interested in the rule and must be written in plain English that is understandable by the average citizen. The notice must also include the e-mail address of the agency liaison.’

SUMMARY

This amendment requires rule notices posted on the Secretary of State's website to include an e-mail link to the agency liaison. It clarifies that departments must either post proposed and adopted rules on the departmental website or post a link to the rules on the Secretary of State's website. The amendment changes the redesign provisions in the bill to reflect the fact that MAPA-3 and MAPA-4 are the correct notices to be redesigned and that they are notices, not cover sheets. The MAPA-3 and MAPA-4 notices must also include the e-mail address of the agency liaison.