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S.B. No. 522

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the procedure for adoption by a state agency of rules
3 that may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses and
4 micro-businesses.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 2006.002, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

8 (h) If a state agency is made aware that a proposed rule may
9 have an adverse economic effect on small businesses or
10 micro-businesses after notice of the proposed rule has been
11 published, the agency shall:

12 (1) prepare an economic impact statement and a
13 regulatory flexibility analysis as required under Subsections (c)
14 and (c-1);

15 (2) publish the statement and the analysis in the
16 Texas Register as an amendment to the proposed rule; and

17 (3) provide a copy of the statement and the analysis to
18 the standing committee of each house of the legislature charged
19 with reviewing the proposed rule.

20 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
21 2006.002, Government Code, apply only to a rule proposed by a state
22 agency on or after the effective date of this Act. A rule proposed
23 by a state agency before the effective date of this Act is governed
24 by the law in effect on the date the rule was proposed, and the

1 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.