

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** Close, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Dingfelder

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/21, 3/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows Secretary of State, State Treasurer, judicial or legislative department to hold copyrights or patents and sell data processing programs to local, state and federal government. Allows developing agency to keep part of profit to offset costs. Applies retroactively. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Whether universities can hold copyrights and patents
- Interest from other states in purchasing software

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Refers to “holding” copyrights or patents instead of obtaining them. Allows selling programs to local government. Defines “data processing programs” to include software programs.

**BACKGROUND:** The State Treasurer’s office has developed a software program called “Bond Tracker” which other states have been interested in buying. Currently, licensing must be managed and coordinated by the Department of Administrative Service (DAS). The State Treasurer’s office would like to keep responsibility for managing and coordinating the licensing process and use revenue generated by offsetting costs to other agencies and developing the program.