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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6647
BILL NUMBER: SB 276

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 21, 2003
BILL AMENDED: Feb 20, 2003

SUBJECT: Notice of Public Meetings.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Broden
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill requires a local government agency to send an electronic mail copy of the agendas of the meetings of the agency's governing body to any person or news medium who makes an annual request for an electronic mail copy of the agendas if the governing body uses an agenda and the public agency has the ability to send electronic mail. The bill also requires a local government agency to give notice of the meetings of the public agency's governing body to any person who makes an annual request for notices. The bill provides that the governing body may charge a fee: (1) reasonably related to reasonable and just rates and charges; and (2) not more than \$2 for providing the agendas and notices.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) This bill increases the meeting notification requirements of local governmental agencies that fall under the state's Open Door Law. The bill's provisions could increase the affected agencies' administrative burden and postage costs. Any additional administrative and postage costs are expected to be absorbed using existing staff and revenue received from the annual notification fee authorized by the bill. (See *Explanation of Local Revenues.*)

Increases in an agency's supply and postage costs may be partially offset if the requirement that notification be sent to interested parties via email encourages them to forgo registering for traditional mail notification.

Under current law, governmental agencies are required to provide notices via mail to media organizations that deliver a written request for notification prior to January 1 of each year. This bill expands the notification service to include all persons who deliver a written request for notification prior to the January 1 deadline.

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) The bill allows local governmental agencies to collect an annual fee of up to \$2.00 from persons wishing to receive notices of meetings held throughout the year. The impact of this fee on state revenue will depend on each agency's specific action and the number of requests each agency receives.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Agencies governed by the state's Open Door Law.

Information Sources:

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