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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6856

BILL NUMBER: HB 1589

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 7, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Public Works, Procurements Electronic Notice.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ober

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows a political subdivision to provide electronic notice regarding public works projects and procurements by publishing the notice on an official Internet web site instead of in a newspaper.

It provides that if a political subdivision does not have an official web site, notices may be published on an official web site of the county government, if:

- (1) the county government has an official web site that complies with the statutory requirements; and
- (2) the county agrees to publish the notices electronically.

The bill establishes requirements for the duration of the posting of a legal notice and proof of posting. It also establishes requirements regarding availability and accessibility of the official web site.

The bill requires a political subdivision or agency of a political subdivision to publish an advertisement in a newspaper once a week that states the Internet address of the official web site where the notice appears and contains information regarding Internet accessibility.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill would potentially result in cost savings for a local unit undertaking a public works project or procurement to publish notices of its activities by adding electronic notices to the other publication methods currently available under statute.

Any increase in expenditures necessary to place legal notices on a website would likely be minimal and offset by the cost savings of publishing the notices in a newspaper. However, the bill does not require internet postings and any change in expenditures will dependent on each local unit's actions.

Background: The bill has several requirements that may require indeterminate, but potentially minimal expenditures by the local to be eligible to publish notices on its website (or the website of the county). Examples of these costs include the political subdivision must review and take actions to resolve the complaints, and the quality level of the internet service required to be able to publish to the web site. Additionally, the local unit must publish once a week in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the local unit that its notices are published on its website (or on a county's website).

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local units undertaking public works projects or procurement.

Information Sources:

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