

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Baertschiger, Burdick, Close, Roblan

Nays: 0

Exc.: Prozanski

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Meeting Dates: 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows county to comply with posting requirements by publishing monthly schedule of expenditures and county actions at county courthouse, library bulletin boards, or on Internet. Allows county to post notice of availability of such information in newspaper, on Internet, or both. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Government Efficiency Task Force’s review of options to increase efficiency
- Posting requirements and county differences in desired posting methods
- Newspaper industry and jobs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes unnecessary phrase “at the election of the county” for readability and clarity.

BACKGROUND: Existing law requires each county governing body to publish a monthly schedule of expenditures exceeding \$500 and a statement of proceedings reflecting actions taken by the body at public meetings. Currently, such reports are required to be posted on bulletin boards at the county courthouse and in all public libraries in the county. In addition, notice advertising the availability of the posted information must be published in a general circulation newspaper in the county at least once each month. House Bill 2829 A adds the Internet as a posting location and notice method and allows counties to use one or more of the specified posting locations and notice methods to comply with the law.