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PUBLIC PRINTING OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides that a website established and maintained by the commissioner of administration shall be the official journal of the state and requires him to post certain information about boards and commissions on it
 Current law requires the state to select a newspaper as the "Official Journal of the State." Proposed law removes newspaper and requires a website established by the Commissioner of Administration to be the official journal; and provides that boards and commission maintain certain information on the official journal website, including audio and video recording of meetings for boards and commissions.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will require significant one-time expenditures in FY 26 and FY 27 to create an "Official Journal of the State" website. Proposed law requires the Commissioner of Administration to establish a website as the official journal. The Division of Administration (DOA) reports that to the extent submitting postings to the official journal website is an automated process then the additional workload is likely minimal and absorbable with existing resources. However, to the extent the process is not automated or the demand for publications is greater than anticipated, the division may require additional resources. Any increase in expenditures is indeterminable at this time as it is not known what the final design of the website will be and the volume of the workload.

The website would include the ability to publish advertisements, public notices, meeting notices, links to audio and video recordings, and meeting minutes, allow boards and commissions to submit required information, and allow the public to request and receive electronic notifications of meetings. The Office of Technology Services (OTS) estimates the costs to build the website at \$286,000 in FY 26 (2080 hours x \$70 per hour for an application developer + 1040 hours x \$135 per hour for a senior application developer) and \$170,000 in FY 27 (1040 hours x \$70 per hour for an application developer + 720 hours x \$135 per hour for a senior application developer). These cost estimates assume the entity sharing the video will provide a link to an external hosting service (e.g. YouTube), if the website is required to host audio and video, these estimates would increase. In addition, OTS estimates a yearly hosting and storage cost of \$12,000 starting in FY 26 and a yearly maintenance cost of \$2,800 starting in FY 28.

To the extent the division can charge less than state departments and agencies are currently paying a newspaper to publish official notices, the state may realize some cost savings. Actual savings, if any, are indeterminable.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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