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DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

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Provides relative to access to certain records

Proposed law provides that protected individuals (current or retired district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, and district attorney investigators) may request that their personal information not be published by a public body or a third party; provides that protected individuals may request that their personal information be removed from any existing publication and provides for the method of making the request; provides that a public body shall, within 10 days, remove the personal information of protected individuals, provides that a third party shall, within 72 hours, remove the personal information of protected individuals; provides that a protected individual may bring an action for mandamus for declaratory and injunctive relief and reasonable attorney's fees; assesses a sentence of imprisonment for up to 90 days or a fine of no more than \$1,000, or both, for a third party who violates the proposed law.

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

# **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for Sheriffs and an indeterminable increase in workload in local district courts. There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure because this legislation creates a misdemeanor offense; therefore, these offenders will not be sentenced to the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS).

### Sheriffs

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of publishing or failing to remove a protected individual's personal information from any existing publication in the public domain. The exact fiscal impact of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it creates a crime, and it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term at the local level is no more than 90 days.

### **District Courts**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in workload in local district courts, to the extent that additional mandamus hearings are held relative to civil actions seeking declaratory and injunctive relief against persons who publish or fail to remove a protected individual's personal information from any existing publication in the public domain. The exact fiscal impact to district courts is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of instances in which hearings on these matters will be scheduled under proposed law as a result of filings submitted by protected individuals or judicial administrators. To the extent that the workload in district courts increases, local courts may seek to secure additional personnel.

# **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of publishing or failing to remove a protected individual's personal information from any existing publication in the public domain. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable, as the fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional, and the amount in fines that may be imposed may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

<u>Senate</u>	Dual Referral Rules	<u>House</u>	Comed Themas
13.5.1 >=	\$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	$6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}$	
	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase	Patrice Thomas
	Change {S & H}	or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Deputy Fiscal Officer