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Subject: Provides for use of Websites as Official Journals Analyst: Barbara Lively

OFFICIAL JOURNALS OR DECREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides relative to the official journal of parishes, municipalities, school boards, and other political subdivisions

PURPOSE OF THIS BILL: This measure allows parishes, municipalities, school boards, and other political subdivisions to use their respective websites as the official journal for minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and other official proceedings. The measure requires a notice in the paper of the publication on the websites (no notices required after January 1, 2022) and outlines due dates and fines for noncompliance.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES/REVENUES, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may decrease local governmental expenditures by a minimum of \$4.2 million per year, statewide.

In a survey conducted by the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA), municipal governments in the state estimated an average annual decrease in expenditures of \$9,600 for a total of \$2.9 million annually, statewide. After 1/1/2022 when there is no longer the requirement to publish in the newspaper regarding the use of websites, savings could increase, according to the survey. After 1/1/2022, the average annual decrease in expenditures per municipality may be \$19,000 for a total decrease of \$5.8 million per year, statewide.

In a survey conducted by the Louisiana School Board Association, 9 school boards estimated an average annual decrease in expenditures of \$10,800 for a total of \$745,200 annually, statewide (69 school boards).

For illustrative purposes, if we considered that the state has 303 municipalities, 64 parish governments, and 69 school boards, the estimated statewide decrease of expenditures (based on the average determined for municipalities) may be \$4.2 million per year (436 X \$9,600). After 1/1/2022, the statewide savings may increase to \$8.3 million per year (436 X \$19,000).

These estimates could be larger when considering the numerous other political subdivisions of the state that fall within the parameters of this bill.

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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