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OFFICIAL JOURNALS OR DECREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides relative to official journals of parishes, municipalities, and school boards

Purpose of Bill: This measure authorizes parishes, municipal governing authorities, and school boards, except in Orleans Parish, to select either a newspaper or its official website as its official journal, to be selected annually at its first meeting in June. This measure also provides for the requirements of the websites to be used, including direct and prominently indicated links from their home page to pages containing public notices and time frames of how long each notice must remain available on the home page. The governing authority must provide information on its chosen official journal to the Secretary of State.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be a decrease in local government expenditures for the parish police juries, municipalities, and school boards. Louisiana has 307 municipalities (including New Orleans), 63 police jury/consolidated governments and 69 schools boards. We polled several entities around the states and were told the following:

Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council: According to Baton Rouge Metro Council officials, it has average expenditures of \$72,430 per year on advertisement through its current official journal.

Lafayette Parish School Board: According to Lafayette Parish School Board officials, the school board would have average expenditures savings between \$21,000 and \$23,000 per year for the next 5 fiscal years.

Ouachita Parish Police Jury: According to Ouachita Parish Police Jury officials, it would have average expenditure savings between \$15,000 and \$19,000 per year for the next 5 fiscal years. Officials did state that although the official journal expenditures may decrease, the parish would see an increase in professional fees to a competent computer service contractor or employee to maintain compliance with laws.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House
13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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