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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Public Notices.

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BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) to establish a state public notice website not later than July 1, 2028. The bill prohibits the IOT from charging a fee for publishing or viewing notices.

The bill allows a person to satisfy any notice statute by publishing notice in any of the following forms of media: (1) Newspaper, including print edition or electronic edition. (2) Locality newspaper, including print edition or electronic edition. (3) The state public notice website. (4) Political subdivision website. (5) The Hoosier State Press Association public notice website.

The bill also requires the Indiana Archives and Records Administration (IARA) to establish standards and guidelines and enter into memoranda of understanding with agencies for the transfer and preservation of public notices from the state public notice website to the IARA to preserve public notices for historical purposes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary* - This bill is expected to increase state expenditures between \$540,000 and \$800,000 to build and administer the public notice website in the first year. Annual expenditures after that would depend on the workload of IOT staff.

Additional Information -

Website: The Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) reports that the cost to implement a public notice website/database could require \$315,000 to \$475,000 for development during FY 2028, and between \$225,000 and \$325,000 in the first year of administration (FY 2029). Total implementation costs are estimated to be between \$540,000 and \$800,000. These costs are similar to reported costs from the state of Idaho for a similar website (\$570,000 for development and \$300,000 for the first year of administration).

Additionally, the IOT could require between 1 to 4 additional staff members to help with on-boarding and

general upkeep after the on-boarding process. A single ongoing staff member would require expenditures of \$104,800 including base salary and fringes. Whether current IOT staffing would be sufficient for the additional responsibility would depend on the existing staff's current workload levels.

Electronic Notification Feature: The bill would also require the IOT to implement an electronic notification feature to users of the website when a new notice is posted on the website that matches the search terms selected by users. The cost would likely depend on whether IOT uses an existing web based mail notification service or choose to build their own application.

Standards and Guidelines: It is likely IARA would be able implement any standards and guidelines necessary for implementation as a routine matter of business. Additionally, the IARA should be able to enter into memorandums of understanding with other agencies for historical storage purposes also as a routine order of business.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Publishing of Notices* – This provision may save local units of government from the cost of publishing public notices in newsprint and/or electronic news format.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: IOT; IARA, state agencies posting public notices.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units of government.

Information Sources: Graig Lubsen, Director of Communications and External Affairs, Indiana Office of Technology.

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<https://www.in.gov/itp/>;

<https://www.in.gov/gov/newsroom/executive-orders/>;

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