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See HB

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Department of  
3           Environmental Protection; directing the  
4           Department of Environmental Protection to  
5           establish a pilot project to test the  
6           cost-effectiveness of publication of notices on  
7           the Internet in lieu of publication in the  
8           Florida Administrative Weekly; providing that  
9           the Department of Environmental Protection  
10          shall submit a report on the cost-effectiveness  
11          of publication of such notices on the Internet;  
12          providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16           Section 1. (1) On or before December 31, 2001, the  
17 Department of Environmental Protection shall establish and  
18 commence a pilot project to determine the cost-effectiveness  
19 of publication of notices on the Internet in lieu of  
20 publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly. The pilot  
21 project shall end on July 1, 2003. Under this pilot project,  
22 notwithstanding any other provision of the Florida Statutes,  
23 whenever the Department of Environmental Protection is  
24 required to publish notices in the Florida Administrative  
25 Weekly, in lieu of publication in the Florida Administrative  
26 Weekly, the Department of Environmental Protection shall  
27 publish such notices on the Internet. Notices published on the  
28 Internet under this provision shall clearly state the date the  
29 notice was first posted on the Internet, shall be posted only  
30 on the same days the Florida Administrative Weekly is  
31 published, and shall comply with the form and content

1 provision of rules 1S-1.002-1S-1.004, Florida Administrative  
2 Code. Notices related to proposed rule development and  
3 proposed rulemaking published on the Internet under this  
4 provision shall be maintained on the Internet for a period of  
5 12 months after the effective date of the rule or 3 months  
6 after the publication of a notice of withdrawal of the  
7 proposed rule. All other notices published on the Internet  
8 under this provision shall be maintained on the Internet for a  
9 period of 3 months after the date first posted.

10 (2) The Department of Environmental Protection shall  
11 publish notice of this pilot project in each weekly  
12 publication of the Florida Administrative Weekly. The notice  
13 shall state: "Under a temporary pilot project to determine  
14 the cost-effectiveness of Internet publication of notices in  
15 lieu of publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly,  
16 notices of the Department of Environmental Protection are  
17 being published on the Internet at the following Internet URL  
18 or address: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us>."

19 (3) Based on information obtained from the date of  
20 commencement of the pilot project through December 31, 2002,  
21 the Department of Environmental Protection, on January 31,  
22 2003, shall report to the Governor, the President of the  
23 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives its  
24 findings on the cost-effectiveness of publication of notices  
25 on the Internet in lieu of publication in the Florida  
26 Administrative Weekly.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.  
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Directs the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a pilot project to test the cost-effectiveness of publication of notices on the Internet in lieu of publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly. Requires a report. See bill for details.