

By the Committee on Information Technology and  
Representatives Hart, Mack, Mealor, Gelber, Fiorentino and  
Harrell

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Department of  
3           Environmental Protection; directing the  
4           Department of Environmental Protection and the  
5           State Technology Office to establish a pilot  
6           project to test the cost-effectiveness of  
7           publication of notices on the Internet in lieu  
8           of publication in the Florida Administrative  
9           Weekly; directing the Department of State to  
10          publish notice of the pilot project; requiring  
11          the Department of Environmental Protection, the  
12          State Technology Office, and the Department of  
13          State to submit a joint report on the  
14          cost-effectiveness of publication of such  
15          notices on the Internet; providing an effective  
16          date.

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

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20           Section 1. (1) On or before December 31, 2001, the  
21 Department of Environmental Protection and the State  
22 Technology Office of the Department of Management Services  
23 shall establish and commence a pilot project to determine the  
24 cost-effectiveness of publication of notices on the Internet  
25 in lieu of publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly.  
26 The pilot project shall end on July 1, 2003. Under this pilot  
27 project, notwithstanding any other provision of the Florida  
28 Statutes, whenever the Department of Environmental Protection  
29 is required to publish notices in the Florida Administrative  
30 Weekly, in lieu of publication in the Florida Administrative  
31 Weekly, the Department of Environmental Protection shall

1 publish such notices on the Internet. Notices published on the  
2 Internet under this provision shall clearly state the date the  
3 notice was first posted on the Internet, shall be posted only  
4 on the same days the Florida Administrative Weekly is  
5 published, and shall comply with the form and content  
6 provisions of rules 1S-1.002-1S-1.004, Florida Administrative  
7 Code. Notices related to rulemaking published on the Internet  
8 under this provision shall be maintained on the Internet for a  
9 period of 12 months after the effective date of the rule or 3  
10 months after the publication of a notice of withdrawal of the  
11 proposed rule. All other notices published on the Internet  
12 under this provision shall be maintained on the Internet for a  
13 period of 3 months after the date first posted. The pilot  
14 project shall also establish a searchable database or other  
15 electronic system to be permanently maintained on the Internet  
16 for the purpose of archiving all notices published on the  
17 Internet and allowing citizens permanent electronic access to  
18 such archived records.

19 (2) The Department of State shall publish notice of  
20 this pilot project in each weekly publication of the Florida  
21 Administrative Weekly. The notice shall state: "Under a  
22 temporary pilot project, in conjunction with the State  
23 Technology Office, to determine the cost-effectiveness of  
24 Internet publication of notices in lieu of publication in the  
25 Florida Administrative Weekly, notices of the Department of  
26 Environmental Protection are being published on the Internet  
27 at the following Internet URL or address:  
28 <http://www.dep.state.fl.us>."

29 (3) No later than January 31, 2003, the Department of  
30 Environmental Protection, the State Technology Office, and the  
31 Department of State shall submit a report to the Governor, the

1 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives containing findings on the cost-effectiveness  
3 of publication of notices on the Internet in lieu of  
4 publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly, and  
5 recommendations, including legislative or rule changes, for  
6 modifications to the process necessary to effectuate  
7 publication of notices on the Internet.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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11 HOUSE SUMMARY

12 Directs the Department of Environmental Protection and  
13 the State Technology Office of the Department of  
14 Management Services to establish a pilot project to  
15 determine the cost-effectiveness of publication of  
16 notices on the Internet rather than in the Florida  
17 Administrative Weekly. Directs the Department of State to  
18 publish weekly notices of the pilot project in the  
19 Florida Administrative Weekly. Requires the Department of  
20 Environmental Protection, the State Technology Office,  
21 and the Department of State to submit a report to the  
22 Governor and Legislature by January 31, 2003.  
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