

By the Council for Ready Infrastructure and 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; creating s. 120.551,  
4           F.S.; directing the Department of Environmental  
5           Protection and the State Technology Office to  
6           establish a pilot project to test the  
7           cost-effectiveness of publication of notices on  
8           the Internet in lieu of publication in the  
9           Florida Administrative Weekly; directing the  
10          Department of State to publish notice of the  
11          pilot project; requiring the Department of  
12          Environmental Protection, the State Technology  
13          Office, and the Department of State to submit a  
14          joint report on the cost-effectiveness of  
15          publication of such notices on the Internet;  
16          providing an effective date.

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

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20           Section 1. Section 120.551, Florida Statutes, is  
21          created to read:

22           120.551 Internet publication pilot project.--  
23           (1) On or before December 31, 2001, the Department of  
24          Environmental Protection and the State Technology Office shall  
25          establish and commence a pilot project to determine the  
26          cost-effectiveness of publication of notices on the Internet  
27          in lieu of publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly.  
28          The pilot project shall end on July 1, 2003. Under this pilot  
29          project, notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever  
30          the Department of Environmental Protection is required to  
31          publish notices in the Florida Administrative Weekly, in lieu

1 of publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly, the  
2 Department of Environmental Protection shall publish such  
3 notices on the Internet. The Department of Environmental  
4 Protection shall publish all other notices in the manner  
5 prescribed by law. Notices published on the Internet under  
6 this section shall clearly state the date the notice was first  
7 posted on the Internet, shall be posted only on the same days  
8 the Florida Administrative Weekly is published, and shall  
9 comply with the form and content provisions of the Florida  
10 Administrative Code. Notices related to rulemaking published  
11 on the Internet under this provision shall be maintained on  
12 the Internet for a period of at least 12 months after the  
13 effective date of the rule or at least 3 months after the  
14 publication of a notice of withdrawal of the proposed rule.  
15 All other notices published on the Internet under this  
16 provision shall be maintained on the Internet for a period of  
17 at least 3 months after the date first posted. A searchable  
18 database or other electronic system to be permanently  
19 maintained on the Internet for the purpose of archiving all  
20 notices published on the Internet and allowing citizens  
21 permanent electronic access to such archived records shall  
22 also be established by the pilot project. No notice posted on  
23 the Internet shall be removed until the searchable database is  
24 implemented.

25 (2) The Department of State shall publish notice of  
26 this pilot project in each weekly publication of the Florida  
27 Administrative Weekly. The notice shall state: "Under a  
28 temporary pilot project, in conjunction with the State  
29 Technology Office, to determine the cost-effectiveness of  
30 Internet publication of notices in lieu of publication in the  
31 Florida Administrative Weekly, notices of the Department of

1 Environmental Protection are being published on the Internet  
2 at the following Internet URL or address:  
3 http://www.dep.state.fl.us."  
4 (3) No later than January 31, 2003, the Department of  
5 Environmental Protection, the State Technology Office, and the  
6 Department of State shall submit a report to the Governor, the  
7 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives containing findings on the cost-effectiveness  
9 of publication of notices on the Internet in lieu of  
10 publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly, and  
11 recommendations, including legislative or rule changes, for  
12 modifications to the process necessary to effectuate  
13 publication of notices on the Internet.

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