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1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to special districts; amending s.  
 3           189.016, F.S.; requiring each special district to  
 4           operate an official website; requiring each special  
 5           district's official website to include specified  
 6           budget information; conforming provisions to changes  
 7           made by this act; providing an effective date.

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

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 11           Section 1. Subsections (4) and (7) of section 189.016,  
 12 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13           189.016 Reports; budgets; audits.—

14           (4) (a) The tentative budget must be posted on the special  
 15 district's official website at least 2 days before the budget  
 16 hearing, held pursuant to s. 200.065 or other law, to consider  
 17 such budget. The final adopted budget must be posted on the  
 18 special district's official website within 30 days after  
 19 adoption. ~~If the special district does not operate an official~~  
 20 ~~website, the special district must, within a reasonable period~~  
 21 ~~of time as established by the local general-purpose government~~  
 22 ~~or governments in which the special district is located or the~~  
 23 ~~local governing authority to which the district is dependent,~~  
 24 ~~transmit the tentative budget or final budget to the manager or~~  
 25 ~~administrator of the local general-purpose government or the~~  
 26 ~~local governing authority. The manager or administrator shall~~  
 27 ~~post the tentative budget or final budget on the website of the~~  
 28 ~~local general-purpose government or governing authority. This~~  
 29 subsection and subsection (3) do not apply to water management

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30 districts as defined in s. 373.019.

31 (b) Each special district shall publish an online version  
32 of its budget information on its official website which allows  
33 the public to:

34 1. View multiple years of budget, general ledger, and  
35 checking account data;

36 2. Review year-over-year spending trends, examine  
37 individual accounting entries, and filter data according to  
38 categories in the special district's chart of accounts,  
39 including, but not limited to, fund, department, division,  
40 program, or activity;

41 3. Download financial data and graphs;

42 4. View data in different graphical formats, including, but  
43 not limited to, stacked line, trend line, bar graph, and pie  
44 chart;

45 5. View data in tabular formats;

46 6. View information for multiple special district  
47 departments, divisions, funds, or financial categories  
48 simultaneously; and

49 7. View and compare revenue and expense trends  
50 simultaneously on the same graph for any level of financial  
51 data.

52 (7) If the governing body of a special district amends the  
53 budget pursuant to paragraph (6) (c), the adopted amendment must  
54 be posted on the official website of the special district within  
55 5 days after adoption. ~~If the special district does not operate~~  
56 ~~an official website, the special district must, within a~~  
57 ~~reasonable period of time as established by the local general-~~  
58 ~~purpose government or governments in which the special district~~

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59 ~~is located or the local governing authority to which the~~  
60 ~~district is dependent, transmit the adopted amendment to the~~  
61 ~~manager or administrator of the local general-purpose government~~  
62 ~~or governing authority. The manager or administrator shall post~~  
63 ~~the adopted amendment on the website of the local general-~~  
64 ~~purpose government or governing authority.~~

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.