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An act relating to special districts; amending s. 189.016, F.S.; requiring each special district to operate an official website; requiring each special district's official website to include specified budget information; conforming provisions to changes made by this act; providing an effective date.

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

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

189.016 Reports; budgets; audits.-

(4) (a) The tentative budget must be posted on the special district's official website at least 2 days before the budget hearing, held pursuant to s. 200.065 or other law, to consider such budget. The final adopted budget must be posted on the special district's official website within 30 days after adoption. If the special district does not operate an official website, the special district must, within a reasonable period of time as established by the local general-purpose government or governments in which the special district is located or the local governing authority to which the district is dependent, transmit the tentative budget or final budget to the manager or administrator of the local general-purpose government or the local governing authority. The manager or administrator shall

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post the tentative budget or final budget on the website of the local general-purpose government or governing authority. This subsection and subsection (3) do not apply to water management districts as defined in s. 373.019.

- (b) Each special district shall publish an online version of its budget information on its official website which allows the public to:
- 1. View multiple years of budget, general ledger, and checking account data;
- 2. Review year-over-year spending trends, examine individual accounting entries, and filter data according to categories in the special district's chart of accounts, including, but not limited to, fund, department, division, program, or activity;
  - 3. Download financial data and graphs;
- 4. View data in different graphical formats, including, but not limited to, stacked line, trend line, bar graph, and pie chart;
  - 5. View data in tabular formats;

- 6. View information for multiple special district departments, divisions, funds, or financial categories simultaneously; and
- 7. View and compare revenue and expense trends simultaneously on the same graph for any level of financial data.
  - (7) If the governing body of a special district amends the

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budget pursuant to paragraph (6)(c), the adopted amendment must be posted on the official website of the special district within 5 days after adoption. If the special district does not operate an official website, the special district must, within a reasonable period of time as established by the local general-purpose government or governments in which the special district is located or the local governing authority to which the district is dependent, transmit the adopted amendment to the manager or administrator of the local general-purpose government or governing authority. The manager or administrator shall post the adopted amendment on the website of the local general-purpose government or governing authority.

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