

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the budgets of county  
 3           constitutional officers; amending s. 129.021, F.S.;  
 4           providing criteria for submission of tentative and  
 5           final budgets by county constitutional officers;  
 6           requiring the tentative budget of a county  
 7           constitutional officer to be posted on the county's  
 8           website; amending s. 195.087, F.S.; providing criteria  
 9           for submission of tentative and final budgets by the  
 10          property appraiser and tax collector; requiring the  
 11          tentative and final budgets to be posted on the  
 12          website of the property appraiser or tax collector;  
 13          providing an effective date.

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

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 17          Section 1.   Section 129.021, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 18          to read:

19          129.021   County officer budget information.—

20          (1)   Notwithstanding any other provision ~~provisions~~ of law,  
 21          the budgets of all county officers, as submitted to the board of  
 22          county commissioners, must be in sufficient detail and contain  
 23          such information as the board of county commissioners may  
 24          require in furtherance of their powers and responsibilities  
 25          provided in ss. 125.01(1)(q), (r), and (v), and (6) and

26 129.01(2)(b).

27 (2) The tentative and final budgets of each constitutional  
 28 officer must be detailed and must provide:

29 (a) A separate line item for proposed expenditures for  
 30 each program, division, or unit within the office.

31 (b) An identification of existing and proposed reserves.

32 (c) A separate narrative explaining:

33 1. The budget priorities of the constitutional officer.

34 2. Each budget line item that is unchanged from the budget  
 35 for the prior fiscal year.

36 3. Each budget line item that is increased or decreased  
 37 from the budget for the prior fiscal year with an explanation  
 38 for the increase or decrease.

39 (3) The tentative budget must be posted on the county's  
 40 official website at least 2 days before the public hearing and  
 41 must be identified separately from the tentative budget of the  
 42 county as a whole to clearly demarcate the constitutional  
 43 officers' budgets.

44 Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 195.087,  
 45 Florida Statutes, to read:

46 195.087 Property appraisers and tax collectors to submit  
 47 budgets to Department of Revenue.—

48 (7)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
 49 tentative and final budgets of each constitutional officer must  
 50 be detailed and must provide:

51 1. A separate line item for proposed expenditures for each  
 52 program, division, or unit within the office.

53 2. An identification of existing and proposed reserves.

54 3. A separate narrative explaining:

55 a. The budget priorities of the constitutional officer.

56 b. Each budget line item that is unchanged from the budget  
 57 for the prior fiscal year.

58 c. Each budget line item that is increased or decreased  
 59 from the budget for the prior fiscal year with an explanation  
 60 for the increase or decrease.

61 (b) The tentative budget must be posted on the  
 62 constitutional officer's official website at the same time the  
 63 tentative budget is submitted to the Department of Revenue. The  
 64 final budget shall be posted on the constitutional officer's  
 65 website and remain posted for the fiscal year of that budget.

66 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.