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Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)

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FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)

WITHDRAWN (Y/N)

OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Intergovernmental Affairs
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Griffitts offered the following:

5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 52-91 and insert:

7 **Section 1. Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, is amended**

8 **to read:**

9 50.0311 Publication of advertisements and public notices
10 on a publicly accessible website and governmental access
11 channels.—

12 (1) For purposes of this chapter, the term "governmental
13 agency" means a county, municipality, school board, clerk of the
circuit court, tax collector, water management district
operating pursuant to chapter 373, or other unit of local
16 government or political subdivision in this state.

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17 (2) For purposes of notices and advertisements required
18 under s. 50.011, the term "publicly accessible website" means a
19 county's official website or other private website designated by
20 the county for the publication of legal notices and
21 advertisements which that is accessible through via the
22 Internet. For legal notices and advertisements required under s.
23 50.011 by a municipality, clerk of the circuit court, tax
24 collector, water management district, or other unit of local
25 government, the term "publicly accessible website" means such
26 entity's official website, a private website designated by such
27 entity, a county's official website, or a private website
28 designated by the county in which such entity is located.

29 (3) All advertisements and public notices published on a
30 website as provided in this chapter must be in searchable form
31 and indicate the date on which the advertisement or public
32 notice was first published on the website.

33 (4) Any legal notice or advertisement that is published on
34 a publicly accessible website must, unless otherwise specified
35 by law, be published continuously for at least 2 weeks when the
36 purpose is to provide notice of the status of a government
37 activity or be published continuously from the date of initial
38 publication through the date of the proposed event or activity.

39 (5)-(3) A governmental agency may use the publicly
40 accessible website of the county in which it lies to publish
41 legally required advertisements and public notices if the cost

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42 of publishing advertisements and public notices on such website
43 is less than the cost of publishing advertisements and public
44 notices in a newspaper.

45 (6)(4) A governmental agency with at least 75 percent of
46 its population located within a county having with a population
47 of less fewer than 160,000; a municipality, school board, clerk
48 of the circuit court, or tax collector that is located within a
49 county having a population of less than 160,000; or any other
50 unit of local government or political subdivision in this state
51 having at least 75 percent of its population located within a
52 county having a population of less than 160,000 may use a
53 publicly accessible website to publish legally required
54 advertisements and public notices only if the governing body of
55 the governmental agency, at a public hearing that has been
56 noticed in a newspaper as provided in this chapter, determines
57 that the residents of the governmental agency have sufficient
58 access to the Internet by broadband service, as defined in s.
59 364.02, or by any other means, such that publishing
60 advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible
61 website will not unreasonably restrict public access.

62 (7)(5) A special district spanning the geographic
63 boundaries of more than one county that satisfies the criteria
64 for publishing and publishes chooses to publish legally required
65 advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible
66 website must publish such advertisements and public notices on

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67 the publicly accessible website of each county it spans. For
68 purposes of this subsection, the term "special district" has the
69 same meaning as in s. 189.012 but does not include a water
70 management district operating pursuant to chapter 373.

71 (8)~~(6)~~ A governmental agency that uses a publicly
72 accessible website to publish legally required advertisements
73 and public notices must shall provide notice at least once per
74 year in a newspaper of general circulation or another
75 publication that is mailed or delivered to all residents and
76 property owners throughout the government's jurisdiction,
77 indicating that property owners and residents may receive
78 legally required advertisements and public notices from the
79 governmental agency by first-class mail or e-mail upon
80 registering their name and address or e-mail address with the
81 governmental agency. The governmental agency must shall maintain
82 a registry of names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of property
83 owners and residents who have requested in writing that they
84 receive legally required advertisements and public notices from
85 the governmental agency by first-class mail or e-mail.

86 (9)~~(7)~~ A link to advertisements and public notices
87 published on a publicly accessible website must shall be
88 conspicuously placed:

89 (a) On the website's homepage or on a page accessible
90 through a direct link from the homepage.

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(b) On the homepage of the website of each governmental agency publishing notices on the publicly accessible website or on a page accessible through a direct link from the homepage.

(10)-(8) A governmental agency that has a governmental access channel authorized under s. 610.109 may also include on its governmental access channel a summary of all advertisements and public notices that are published on a publicly accessible website.

(11)(9) A public bid advertisement made by a governmental agency on a publicly accessible website must include a method to accept electronic bids.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 5-13 and insert:

"governmental agency"; revising the definition of the term "publicly accessible website"; requiring that certain legal notices be continuously published for a specified timeframe when the notices are for a specified purpose and provided under a certain circumstance; authorizing certain counties or specified municipalities, school boards, clerks of the circuit court, and tax collectors to use a publicly accessible website to publish certain advertisements and legal notices under specified conditions; revising

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116 the definition of the term "special district";
117 reenacting ss. 11.02, 45.031(2),
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