

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 1009 (2026)

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

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OTHER

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Intergovernmental Affairs  
Subcommittee

Representative Griffitts offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 52-91 and insert:

**Section 1. Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, is amended  
to read:**

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

(1) For purposes of this chapter, the term "governmental  
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  
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.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

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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