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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Judiciary (Trumbull) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 32 - 56

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:

(a) "Governmental agency" means a county, ~~municipality,~~ school board, special governmental agency, or other unit of



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local government or political subdivision in this state.

(b) "Special governmental agency" means a municipality, the office of the clerk of the circuit court, or the office of the tax collector.

(2) For purposes of notices and advertisements required under s. 50.011, the term "publicly accessible website" means a county's official website or other private website designated by the county for the publication of legal notices and advertisements which that is accessible through via the Internet. For legal notices and advertisements by a special governmental agency, the term includes the official website of the special governmental agency's county, a private website designated by the county, the special governmental agency's official website, or a private website designated by the special governmental agency.

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

(4) Any legal notice or advertisement that may be published on the official website of a governmental agency or the official website of a special governmental agency or on a designated private website must, unless otherwise specified by law, be published continuously for at least 2 weeks when the purpose is to provide notice of the status of a government activity or be published continuously from the date of initial publication through the date of the proposed event or activity.

(5)(3) A governmental agency may use the publicly accessible website of the county in which it lies to publish



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legally required advertisements and public notices if the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices on such website is less than the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices in a newspaper.

(6)(4) A governmental agency having ~~with~~ at least 75 percent of its population located within a county having ~~with~~ a population of less ~~fewer~~ than 160,000 or a special governmental agency that is located within a county having a population of less than 160,000 may use a publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements and public notices only if the governing body of the governmental agency, at a public hearing that has been noticed in a newspaper as provided in this chapter, determines that the residents of the governmental agency have sufficient access to the Internet by broadband service, as defined in s. 364.02, or by any other means, such that publishing advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible website will not unreasonably restrict public access.

(7)(5) A special district spanning the geographic boundaries of more than one county that satisfies the criteria for publishing and publishes ~~chooses to publish~~ legally required advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible website must publish such advertisements and public notices on the publicly accessible website of each county it spans. For purposes of this subsection, the term "special district" has the same meaning as in s. 189.012.

(8)(6) A governmental agency or special governmental agency that uses a publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements and public notices must ~~shall~~ provide notice at least once per year in a newspaper of general



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circulation or another publication that is mailed or delivered to all residents and property owners throughout the government's jurisdiction, indicating that property owners and residents may receive legally required advertisements and public notices from the governmental agency by first-class mail or e-mail upon registering their name and address or e-mail address with the governmental agency. The governmental agency must ~~shall~~ maintain a registry of names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of property owners and residents who have requested in writing that they receive legally required advertisements and public notices from the governmental agency by first-class mail or e-mail.

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

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

(b) On the homepage of the website of each governmental agency or special 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 or special governmental agency on a publicly accessible website must include a method to accept electronic bids.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 3 - 8

and insert:

F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
"governmental agency"; defining the term "special  
governmental agency"; revising the definition of the  
term "publicly accessible website"; requiring  
governmental agencies and special governmental  
agencies to publish a legal notice for a specified  
timeframe when the notice is for a specified purpose  
and provided under a certain circumstance; authorizing  
certain special governmental agencies to use a  
publicly accessible website to publish certain  
advertisements and legal notices under specified  
conditions; requiring special governmental agencies to  
provide notice at least once per year in specified  
publications under certain conditions; requiring a  
public bid advertisement made by special governmental  
agency to include a method to accept electronic bids;