

A bill for an act

relating to local government; authorizing political subdivisions to publish proceedings, official notices, and summaries on their Web sites in lieu of newspaper publication; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 331A.12.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 331A.12, is amended to read:

331A.12 WEB SITE PUBLICATION ~~OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION RFP.~~

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The terms defined in this subdivision and section 331A.01 apply to this section.

(b) "Web site" means a specific, addressable location provided on a server connected to the Internet and hosting World Wide Web pages and other files that are generally accessible on the Internet all or most of the day.

Subd. 2. **Designation.** At the meeting of the governing body of the ~~local public corporation~~ political subdivision at which the governing body must designate its official newspaper for the year, the governing body may designate in the same manner publication of transportation projects, proceedings, official notices, and summaries on the ~~local public corporation's~~ political subdivision's Web site. Publication on the Web site may be used in place of or in addition to any other required form of publication. Each year after designating publication on the Web site for transportation projects, proceedings, official notices, and summaries, the ~~local public corporation~~ political subdivision must publish in a qualified newspaper in the jurisdiction and on the Web site, notice that the ~~local public corporation~~ political subdivision will publish any advertisements for bids, proceedings, official notices, and summaries on its Web site.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Form, time for publication same.** A ~~local public corporation~~ political
2.2 subdivision that publishes on its Web site under this section must post the information in
2.3 substantially the same format and for the same period of time as required for publication
2.4 in an official newspaper or other print publication.

2.5 Subd. 4. **Record retention.** A ~~local public corporation~~ political subdivision that
2.6 publishes notice on its Web site under this section must ensure that a permanent record of
2.7 publication is maintained in a form accessible by the public.

2.8 Subd. 5. **Print copies.** When a political subdivision publishes exclusively on the
2.9 Web site, it must also make print copies of all published documents available at the main
2.10 office of the political subdivision, any other government offices designated by the political
2.11 subdivision, all public libraries within the jurisdiction, and by mail upon request.

2.12 Subd. 6. **Newspaper notice of Web site publication.** Each year after designating
2.13 alternative publication on the Web site, the political subdivision must publish in a qualified
2.14 newspaper in the jurisdiction and on the Web site, notice of the alternative means of
2.15 publication.