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H. F. No. 1679

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; providing for alternative Web site publication;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 331A.12, subdivision 2, by adding
1.4 subdivisions.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 331A.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 331A.12, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.18 to read:

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

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 331A.12, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.2 to read:

2.3 Subd. 6. **Newspaper notice of Web site publication.** Each year after designating
2.4 alternative publication on the Web site, the political subdivision must publish notice of
2.5 the alternative means of publication in a qualified newspaper in the jurisdiction and on
2.6 the Web site.

2.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 331A.12, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.8 to read:

2.9 Subd. 7. **Accessibility.** A political subdivision shall not publish exclusively on its
2.10 Web site unless the Web site is accessible to individuals with disabilities in compliance
2.11 with Code of Federal Regulations, title 28, section 35.149, of the Americans with
2.12 Disabilities Act.

2.13 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 331A.12, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.14 to read:

2.15 Subd. 8. **Affidavit required.** When a political subdivision publishes exclusively
2.16 on its Web site, the individual who posts the information must file an affidavit listing the
2.17 name of the individual who posted the information and the date and time of posting. The
2.18 political subdivision must retain affidavits prepared under this subdivision pursuant to
2.19 the records retention schedule adopted by the political subdivision under section 138.17,
2.20 subdivision 7, and make the affidavits available to the public upon request.