



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2148

PRINTERS NO. 2586

PRIME SPONSOR: B. Miller

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Municipal Authority Funds	\$0	\$0
Political Subdivision Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Allows political subdivisions and municipal authorities to advertise on their website in addition to any notice that is placed in a newspaper. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 45 (Legal Notices) and Title 65 (Public Officials) to create a process that allows political subdivisions and municipal authorities to place redundant advertisements on their websites and to allow them to go forward with public meetings should a newspaper fail to print an advertisement in a timely fashion.

The legislation gives political subdivisions and municipal authorities the option to advertise on their publicly accessible internet website, in addition to any newspaper advertisement required by law. If a political subdivision or municipal authority chooses to advertise on their website and the newspaper fails to publish the advertisement in a timely manner, the advertisement on the political subdivision or municipal authority's website can serve as official legal notice and satisfy the requirements of the sunshine act, allowing the political subdivision or municipal authority to go forward with the meeting and any business they have planned.

When going forward with a meeting that was advertised online, the political subdivision or municipal authority must enter into the record a copy of the advertisement provided to the newspaper and proof that they purchased the advertisement in a timely fashion in the form of a receipt or any other form of proof of purchase showing the amount paid and the date of the purchase.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth, municipal authority, or political subdivision funds.

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DATE: January 10, 2022

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.