

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-2070/1	Introduction Number	SB-137	Estimate Type	Original
Description Publication of certain legal notices on an Internet site maintained by a municipality					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2015 SB 137 makes changes to provisions regarding the publishing of legal notices, contained in Chapter 985, WI Stats. A legal notice is a notice required by law or by order of a court to be published in a newspaper or other publication (e.g., notice or certificate of election; publication of an ordinance). Currently, legal notices must be posted in least three public places likely to give notice to the person(s) affected. 2015 SB 137 alternatively provides that a legal notice posted by a municipality could also be posted in at least one public place and placed electronically on an internet site maintained by the municipality.

The Department estimates that there would be no increased costs to municipalities that currently have an internet site resulting from the 2015 SB 137, and there may be an indeterminable reduction in costs associated with municipalities publishing legal notices in one public place instead of three. Although some municipalities do not have an internet site and there would be costs associated with establishing an internet site in order to post legal notices, these municipalities could utilize the option of posting a notice in three public places.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications