

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 07-2851/3	Introduction Number AB-0582	Estimate Type Original
Description Changing the requirements for the publication of certain actions taken by certain local governments		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

If enacted, this bill would allow a local governmental unit to continue to publish the complete text of an enacted ordinance in a local newspaper, or the local governmental unit may publish a notice of the ordinance in a local newspaper. The notice must contain, at a minimum, the number and title of the ordinance, the enactment date, a summary of the ordinance which must be in plain-language that can easily be understood, and information about where the full text of the ordinance may be obtained. If no newspaper exists in a village or town, the bill does not change the current law which requires the ordinance to be posted in at least three public places in the village or town.

There are likely to be savings related to the publication of the notice rather than the entire ordinance, however, it is not possible to determine what the savings would be. Because it is not possible to determine how many local governments will elect to publish a notice, or to calculate the exact cost savings with such notices, it is not possible to estimate the fiscal effect on local governments.

For villages and towns that do not have newspapers, there would be no cost savings or increased costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown.