

### Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>21-2090/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0591</b>
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**Description**  
 creating a civil cause of action against the owner or operator of a social media Internet site that restricts religious or political speech

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs

**Local:**

No Local Government Costs  
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others      0 <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	20.625 (1)(a), 20.680 (2)(a)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

CTS 10/27/2021

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<b>Description</b> creating a civil cause of action against the owner or operator of a social media Internet site that restricts religious or political speech					

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The bill creates a civil cause of action under Chapter 895 against the owner or operator of a social media Internet site that is available to the public and that has more than 150 million users if the site deletes or censors, fails to notify a user that their speech has been deleted or censored, fails to allow a user to retrieve their information from the site, fails to publish standard for deleting and censoring, applies standards inconsistently, makes changes to user rules more than once every 180 days, and fails to provide a mechanism for a user to request the number of other users who were provided or shown the user's content or posts and provide that number to the user upon request.

The attorney general or any district attorney to commence a civil cause of action to the courts, and the bill sets statutory damages at a minimum of \$75,000, along with the possibility of injunctive relief.

The number of civil cases that might be heard by the court is unknown, and as a result, the fiscal impact is indeterminate. Judges would be required to be educated on the impact on the law, which would require additional staff time and resources.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**