



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 526** HLS 25RS 938
Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Provides that a website established and maintained by the commissioner of administration shall be the official journal of the state and requires him to post certain information about boards and commissions on it
Current law requires the state to select a newspaper as the “Official Journal of the State.” Proposed law removes newspaper and requires a website established by the Commissioner of Administration to be the official journal; and provides that boards and commission maintain certain information on the official journal website, including audio and video recording of meetings for boards and commissions. Proposed law allows departments and agencies to publish in a daily newspaper at its discretion.

Proposed law requires the commissioner to promulgate rules and fees to provide for the publication of notices on the Official Journal of the State by any person, without cost to the state, of a proposal to effect any change in existing laws or constitutional provisions relating to any retirement system for public employees.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

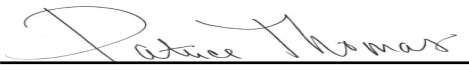
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law requires the Commissioner of Administration to establish a website as the official journal. The Division of Administration (DOA) reports that to the extent submitting postings to the official journal website is an automated process then the additional workload is likely minimal and absorbable with existing resources. However, to the extent the process is not automated or the demand for publications is greater than anticipated, the division may require additional resources. Any increase in expenditures in indeterminable at this time as it is not known what the final design of the website will be and the volume of the workload.

The website would include the ability to publish advertisements, public notices, meeting notices, links to audio and video recordings, and meeting minutes, allow boards and commissions to submit required information, and allow the public to request and receive electronic notifications of meetings. The Office of Technology Services (OTS) anticipates being able to incorporate any additional changes needed to implement proposed law into the ongoing changes being made to the Boards and Commission page of the Louisiana Checkbook website. Therefore, OTS does not anticipate any increase in expenditures.

To the extent the division can upload documents to the official journal for less than state departments and agencies are currently paying a newspaper to publish official notices, the state may realize some cost savings. Actual savings, if any, are indeterminable.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in a increase in SGR revenues collected by the Commissioner of Administration. Proposed law requires the commissioner to promulgate rules and fees to provide for the publication of notices on the Official Journal of the State by any person, without cost to the state, of a proposal to effect any change in existing laws or constitutional provisions relating to any retirement system for public employees. The LFO anticipates any such revenue increase to be minimal and will be used offset the increase in expenditures to publish notices on the official journal.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	
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