2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 680

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

PUBLIC PRINTING: Provides for an alternate official journal of the state and alternate official journals of political subdivisions

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 43:81.1, 141.2, 171.1, and 201.2, relative to public printing; to provide relative
3	to the official journal of the state; to provide relative to official journals of parishes,
4	municipalities, school boards, and other political subdivisions; to authorize the
5	collection of fees; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 43:81.1, 141.2, 171.1, and 201.2 are hereby enacted to read as
8	follows:
9	<u>§81.1. Alternate official journal</u>
10	Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any department or agency of state
11	government may use the secretary of state's website as its official journal for all
12	purposes provided for in this Chapter and in Article III, Section 19 of the
13	Constitution of Louisiana. The secretary of state may charge a fee for publishing
14	information pursuant to this Section.
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16	<u>§141.2. Alternate official journal</u>
17	Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter, any parish, municipality, or
18	school board may use the official website of the clerk of court's office in the
19	respective parish as its official journal for all purposes provided for in this Chapter.

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	The clerk of court may charge a fee for publishing information pursuant to this
2	Section.
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4	<u>§171.1. Alternate official journal</u>
5	Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter, a political subdivision may
6	use the official website of the clerk of court's office in the respective parish as its
7	official journal for all purposes provided for in this Chapter. The clerk of court may
8	charge a fee for publishing information pursuant to this Section.
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10	§201.2. Alternate official journal
11	Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter, any publication pursuant to
12	this Chapter may be published on the official website of the clerk of court's office in
13	its respective parish. The clerk of court may charge a fee for publishing information
14	pursuant to this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to an alternate official journal for certain purposes.

<u>Present law</u> requires each parish, municipality, and school board to select a newspaper as its official journal and to publish its minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and other official proceedings in the official journal. Also applies to other political subdivisions.

<u>Present law</u> requires that advertisements in relation to judicial or legal proceedings be published in a newspaper meeting specified criteria.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the official website of the clerk of court's office in the respective parish to be used as the official journal for such purposes. Authorizes the clerk of court's office to charge for publishing information on its website.

<u>Present law</u> requires the state to select a newspaper as its official journal and to publish its minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and other official proceedings in the official journal.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the secretary of state's website to be used as the official journal for such purposes. Authorizes the secretary of state to charge for publishing information on its website.

(Adds R.S. 43:81.1, 141.2, 171.1, and 201.2)