

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 977** HLS 24RS 2967

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.: **HB 680**

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<b>Subject:</b> Official Journal		

PUBLIC PRINTING

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Provides for official journals for the state and political subdivisions and for publishing legal notices

Current law requires the state to select a newspaper as the "Official Journal of the State" and requires the paper be published in Baton Rouge, for at least six days per week, and have an audited paid daily circulation of not less than 10,000 for at least one year prior to the time the contract is awarded. Proposed law changes the restrictions by removing the requirement that the paper be published in Baton Rouge, only requires the paper to be published once per week, and removes the requirement to have an audited paid daily circulation. Proposed law requires the cost of publication be included in the publication at no additional cost to the state agency or local government.

Proposed law also provides for various changes to the selection of the official journal for political subdivisions, parishes, municipalities, and school boards including: allowing for an expanded required publication period in certain circumstances; providing special cases for new deserts; and, adjusts the qualifications for local news papers.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in a cost savings for state (depicted as SGF only for purposed of this fiscal note, but potentially impacting all means of finance) and local government expenditures. Proposed law adjusts various requirements for the selection of the Official Journal for both the state and local government units. If the various adjustments provided for in proposed law allow the state or local government units to select a newspaper that charges less than what they are currently using, then costs to the state or local governments will decrease accordingly. Any such cost savings is indeterminable at this time.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

- 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House

- 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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