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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Local Government

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; providing for alternative Web site publication;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 331A.12, subdivision 2, by adding
1.4 subdivisions.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 331A.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Designation.** At the meeting of the governing body of a political subdivision
1.8 at which the governing body designates its official newspaper for the year, the governing
1.9 body may designate in the same manner publication of transportation projects, proceedings,
1.10 official notices, and summaries on the political subdivision's Web site. Publication on the
1.11 Web site may be used in place of or in addition to any other required form of publication.
1.12 Each year after designating publication on the Web site for transportation projects,
1.13 proceedings, official notices, and summaries, the political subdivision must publish, in a
1.14 qualified newspaper in the jurisdiction and on the Web site, notice that the political
1.15 subdivision will publish any advertisements for bids, proceedings, official notices, and
1.16 summaries on its Web site.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 331A.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.18 read:

1.19 Subd. 5. **Print copies.** When a political subdivision publishes exclusively on its Web
1.20 site, it must also make print copies of all published documents available at the main office
1.21 of the political subdivision, any other government offices designated by the political
1.22 subdivision, all public libraries within the political subdivision, and by mail upon request.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 331A.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 6. **Newspaper notice of Web site publication.** Each year after designating
2.4 alternative publication on the Web site, the political subdivision must publish notice of the
2.5 alternative means of publication in a qualified newspaper in the jurisdiction and on the Web
2.6 site.

2.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 331A.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.8 read:

2.9 Subd. 7. **Accessibility.** A political subdivision shall not publish exclusively on its Web
2.10 site unless the Web site is accessible to individuals with disabilities in compliance with
2.11 Code of Federal Regulations, title 28, section 35.149, of the Americans with Disabilities
2.12 Act.

2.13 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 331A.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.14 read:

2.15 Subd. 8. **Affidavit required.** When a political subdivision publishes exclusively on its
2.16 Web site, the individual who posts the information must file an affidavit listing the name
2.17 of the individual who posted the information and the date and time of posting. The political
2.18 subdivision must retain affidavits prepared under this subdivision pursuant to the records
2.19 retention schedule adopted by the political subdivision under section 138.17, subdivision
2.20 7, and make the affidavits available to the public upon request.