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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to local government website
8 information; amending Section 2, Chapter 62, O.S.L.
9 2017 (62 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 896.1), which
10 relates to content of notice on local government
11 websites; modifying time period for posting certain
12 information on website; making posting of information
13 permissive rather than mandatory; authorizing use of
14 links to publish certain information; authorizing use
15 of specified method for making information accessible
16 under certain circumstances; authorizing the posting
17 of certain information in specified manner and place
18 instead of creating website for certain purpose;
19 authorizing removal of information at certain time;
20 stating application of certain provision; and
21 providing an effective date.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 62, O.S.L. 2017
24 (62 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 896.1), is amended to read as follows:

25 Section 896.1. A. ~~At least~~ Within thirty (30) days after the
26 ~~approval~~ calling of an election by the governing board of a local
27 government entity as described in subsection C of this section, for
28 ~~a vote on a bond or other evidence of indebtedness~~ authorizing the
29 incurring of general obligation bonds to be issued by the local

1 government entities ~~described in subsection C of this section~~, the
2 governing board of such entity ~~shall~~ may either cause to be
3 published on or linked to that local government website:

4 1. A description of the projects or assets that will be
5 acquired, improved or repaired with the proceeds from the issuance
6 of the bonds to be approved by the voters;

7 2. A description of any ~~unpaid or unfinished bond approved by~~
8 ~~the voters of that jurisdiction preceding the date of the vote on~~
9 ~~the bonds to be issued~~ previously approved and issued bonds by the
10 voters of that jurisdiction that will remain outstanding on the date
11 of the election of the new bonds to be approved; and

12 3. A ~~detailed~~ description of the use of the previous bond
13 proceeds of unpaid or unfinished bonds outstanding on the date of
14 the election of the new bonds to be approved. If the unpaid or
15 unfinished bond proceeds were ~~used~~ expended to acquire ~~or improve~~
16 real property, the description shall include a physical address
17 using a street number or some other method by which the location of
18 the property can be identified.

19 B. No local government entity shall be required to create a
20 website solely for the purpose of compliance with this act. If the
21 local government entity does not have a website, then it ~~shall~~ may
22 make the information accessible through some other method using the
23 Internet to persons who reside in the geographic area of the local
24 government entity. Should there be no reasonable method as

1 described in this section, the entity shall cause the information to
2 be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in
3 the geographic area in which the voters of the local government
4 jurisdiction reside or if no newspaper of general circulation is
5 available, post the information required by this act in prominent
6 view at the principal office of the public body. Information posted
7 pursuant to this act shall remain posted, either online or at the
8 principal office of the public body, through the election of the
9 bonds to be approved and such posting may be removed after such
10 time.

11 C. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall be
12 applicable to any bond or other evidence of indebtedness the
13 repayment of which requires ~~either~~ a sinking fund millage rate
14 pursuant to Section 26 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution, ~~or~~
15 ~~bonds issued pursuant to the authority of~~ Section 35 of Article X of
16 the Oklahoma Constitution or ~~pursuant to any provisions contained in~~
17 any other provision of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution to the
18 extent not otherwise specifically identified in this section, which
19 shall include:

- 20 1. Counties;
- 21 2. Cities;
- 22 3. Towns;
- 23 4. Common school districts;
- 24 5. Career technology districts;

1 6. Emergency Medical Service Districts; and

2 7. Solid waste management districts.

3 D. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to
4 obligations issued by a trust organized pursuant to the provisions
5 of Section 176 et seq. of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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