

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 3347
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Impact:	Local Government:
	Potential Publishing Costs

Research Analysis

The measure modernizes county and municipal budget hearing notice procedures by expanding publishing requirements to include the governmental entity's website. Current law only requires public notice to be posted in a newspaper of general circulation. Additionally, the bill increases from five days to seven days the amount of time prior to a meeting the notice must be made available.

The measure also requires school districts to publish the itemized expenditure budget and request for state appropriated funds on the district's website and in a newspaper of general circulation seven days before the request is made to the State Board of Education.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure includes provisions whereby certain municipalities currently not required to publish notice of public hearings on proposed budgets in a newspaper of general circulation will be required to publish such notice.. Also, the measure includes provision whereby school districts are required to publish an itemized expenditure budget and requests for state appropriation prior to filing such requests with the State Board of Education.

Publishing costs will vary depending on the content of the notice. Section 121 of Title 28 of the Oklahoma Statutes includes the authorized rates for legal notice publishing:

Effective November 1, 2005, for all matters other than tabular matter, fifteen cents (\$0.15) per word for first insertion, and fourteen cents (\$0.14) per word for each subsequent insertion, with each separate group of numerals included in the matter to be counted as one word, regardless of the number of digits involved; and

For all tabular matter, in not to exceed eight-point type, including but not limited to, lists of persons, firms, and corporations whose personal property taxes are delinquent and lists of lands and town lots upon which taxes are delinquent, seventy cents (\$0.70) per line per newspaper column in width, for first insertion, and sixty-five cents (\$0.65) per line per newspaper column in width, for each subsequent insertion.

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Other Considerations

None.

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