

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1487

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to local government website information; amending Section 2, Chapter 62, O.S.L. 2017 (62 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 896.1), which relates to content of notice on local government websites; modifying time period for posting certain information on website; making posting of information permissive rather than mandatory; authorizing use of links to publish certain information; authorizing use of specified method for making information accessible under certain circumstances; authorizing the posting of certain information in specified manner and place instead of creating website for certain purpose; authorizing removal of information at certain time; stating application of certain provision; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 62, O.S.L. 2017 (62 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 896.1), is amended to read as follows:

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

1 board of such entity ~~shall~~ may either cause to be published ~~on~~ or
2 provide a link to that local government website:

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

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

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

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

published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic area in which the voters of the local government jurisdiction reside or post the information required by this act in prominent view at the principal office of the public body.

Information posted pursuant to this act shall remain posted, whether online or at the principal office of the public body, through the election of the bonds to be approved. The posting may be removed after the election.

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

1. Counties;
2. Cities;
3. Towns;
4. Common school districts;
5. Career technology districts;
6. Emergency Medical Service Districts; and
7. Solid waste management districts.

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

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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