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Senate Bill 268

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Organization; reported on March 10, 2017]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §7-1-3rr of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to
2 amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §8-39-1, all relating to
3 requiring county commissions to maintain websites with specific information; requiring
4 county commissions to provide website information to the Secretary of State; requiring
5 Class I and Class II municipalities to maintain websites with specific information; and to
6 allow Class III and IV municipalities to maintain websites provided they contain specific
7 information.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §7-1-3rr of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
2 reenacted; and that said code be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated §8-39-1,
3 all to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7. COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 1. COUNTY COMMISSIONS GENERALLY.

§7-1-3rr. Accessible county records; required information.

1 (a) Beginning July 1, 2017, each county commission ~~may~~ shall maintain a website that
2 provides the following information without charge:

- 3 (1) The title and name of each elected county office holder;
- 4 (2) The contact information of each elected county office holder, including office telephone
5 number, facsimile number, office location and mailing address;
- 6 (3) The government electronic mail address of each elected county office holder.
- 7 (4) A copy of each county ordinance as adopted;
- 8 (5) A copy of the approved meeting minutes; and
- 9 (6) A schedule of regular meeting days for each calendar year.

10 (b) Beginning on or before December 31, 2017, and each year thereafter, each county
11 commission shall provide to the Secretary of State ~~shall obtain~~ the following information:

- 12 (1) A list of each elected county official by title, with the name of the elected official;
13 (2) The office contact information for each county office holder; and
14 (3) The website address of the county commission website, where available.

CHAPTER 8. MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

ARTICLE 39. MUNICIPAL WEBSITES.

§8-39-1. Accessible municipal records; required information.

- 1 (a) Beginning July 1, 2017, each Class I and Class II municipality shall maintain a website
2 that provides the following information without charge:
3 (1) The title and name of each elected office holder;
4 (2) The contact information of each elected office holder, including office telephone
5 number, facsimile number if applicable, office location, office hours and mailing address;
6 (3) The government electronic mail address of each elected office holder if applicable;
7 (4) A copy of each municipal ordinance as adopted;
8 (5) A copy of the approved meeting minutes; and
9 (6) A schedule of regular meeting days for each calendar year.
10 (b) Beginning July 1, 2017, each Class III and Class IV municipality may maintain a
11 website, provided the website contains the information required in subsection (a) of this section
12 without charge.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require county commissions to maintain websites with specific information and to provide website information to the Secretary of State, to require Class I and Class II municipalities to maintain websites with specific information, and to allow Class III and IV municipalities to maintain websites provided they contain specific information.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.

This bill is recommended by the Joint Standing Committee on Government Organization for introduction and passage during the 2017 Regular Session.