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HB-6641

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOTE AND ONLINE PROVISION
OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
Various Municipalities	Savings	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill requires that town clerks provide a website to accept online payments for certain fees, allows municipalities to post certain notices online instead of in local newspapers, and permits municipalities and state agencies to provide electronic access to public meetings.

There is a cost to municipalities to providing websites for online payment of fees to the extent that they do not already have the capability to do so. There is also a savings from permitting municipalities to post certain notices on their website instead of in local newspapers.

As the bill allows, rather than requires, state agencies and municipalities to provide electronic access to public meetings, the bill is not anticipated to result in increased expenses for information technology or software licensing above each entity's current capacity.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to costs otherwise borne from posting notices in local newspapers, and municipal capacity to provide online payments.