



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 252

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Substitute House Bill No. 5621

House of Representatives, March 25, 2004

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. O'ROURKE of the 32nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING REPRESENTATIVE AND OPEN STATE GOVERNMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Secretary of the State
- 2 shall post on the state Internet web site a current listing of all vacancies
- 3 on state appointive boards, commissions, committees and councils.
- 4 The web site shall include the ability to find a specific entity or a
- 5 specific vacancy, including the name of the appointing authority, the
- 6 term of office of the vacant position and the contact person for
- 7 information concerning the vacancy.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The provisions concerning the web site and the ability to find information were rewritten for consistency with current statutory provisions.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the Secretary of the State (SOTS) to post on the state Internet web site a searchable current listing of all vacancies on state appointive boards, commissions, committees and councils. The web site shall include a search engine for finding a specific entity or vacancy, including the name of the appointing authority, the term of the office of the vacant position and the contact person for information concerning the vacancy.

The SOTS’s web site currently has a link with information on the state appointive boards, commissions, committees and councils. It is anticipated that listings of vacancies would be linked to the “Get Appointed to a State Board or Commission” page.

The SOTS will incur minimal costs related to the development and implementation of the board vacancies web page. The SOTS may need an outside vendor to handle these responsibilities. There will also be a workload increase to the SOTS to handle the responsibilities of compiling the current vacancies listing and maintaining the changes. It is unknown if the workload increase associated with these responsibilities will require an additional position.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the secretary of the state to create and maintain an Internet website of current vacancies on state appointive boards, commissions, committees, and councils. The website must include the ability to find specific entities or vacancies, including the appointing authority's name; term of office for each vacant position; and contact person for information about the vacancy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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