

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2069**

Introduced by

State and Local Government Committee

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 46-05 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to publication requirements; and to provide an appropriation.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 46-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Government publication.**

7 A unit of government may file a published notice with the secretary of state whenever the  
8 unit of government is required by law to publish notice in a newspaper. Unless otherwise  
9 provided by law, a notice required by law which is filed and posted by the secretary of state  
10 fulfills publication requirements if a newspaper fails to publish the notice required by law.

11 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SECRETARY OF STATE - WEBSITE - ONE-TIME**

12 **FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,  
13 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$150,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary,  
14 to the secretary of state for the purpose of establishing a website for all required public notices,  
15 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The website must be  
16 accessible to the public and all notices must be archived. The funding included in this section is  
17 considered a one-time funding item.