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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
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.~~