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Senator Howard Marklein Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 137

Thank you Mr. Chairman and thank you to the members of the Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government for allowing me to testify on Senate Bill 137. This is a very simple bill that seeks to update an obsolete requirement in state statutes.

Currently local towns are required to post three public meeting notices for a regular monthly meeting in lieu of publication in a newspaper. SB 137 very simply would allow towns with a website the option to publish a regular meeting on their webpage as well as one other public notice elsewhere, instead of three. We think this encourages towns to utilize their websites to post useful information and does away with an onerous requirement. This bill does not affect any meeting notice that is currently required to be published in a newspaper.

We are seeking to give town governments this option for regular meeting notices to allow more efficiency and lift a small burden that has long since become obsolete. Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to testify in support of this bill, and I would welcome any questions.