

HCS HB 887 -- GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

SPONSOR: Barnes (60)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Government Oversight by a vote of 6 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill specifies that every county and municipality must establish and operate its own government website that is available to members of the public and update the website each month. The Office of Administration shall make a template available to counties and municipalities and outside entities may be hired to run and maintain the website. The required information that the website must contain is specified in the bill. Any County and municipality with an annual budget less than \$500,000 is exempt.

This bill is similar to HB 934 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will encourage transparency and allow the general public to keep informed about local affairs.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Barnes.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.