



Illinois State Association of Counties

POSITION STATEMENT

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WEBSITE POSTING OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

SUPPORT

Public transparency is an important responsibility for local governments seeking to establish trust with their constituents. Local governments are presently mandated to comply with a myriad of reporting requirements intended to foster transparency. An independent review of Illinois laws identified more than 500 statutory requirements to disclose more than 700 separate pieces of information. More than half of these existing reporting requirements involve publishing information in newspapers despite their general decline in circulation.

Current Law:

In general assessment years, counties must post a list of all property assessments in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. In the years between general assessments, counties are mandated to publish in a newspaper a list of only those real property assessments that have been changed.

Proposed Change:

The General Assembly and Governor should amend the law to allow county governments to meet the property assessment publication mandate by either publishing the information on a county website or in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Allowing counties to fulfill the publication mandate on their websites would save taxpayers thousands of dollars annually.

**ALLOW COUNTIES TO FULFILL THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT
PUBLICATION MANDATE BY POSTING THE INFORMATION ON THE
INTERNET.**