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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Ways and Means

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Rogers and Lipps

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- Changing the process which county auditors use to publish notices of upcoming property tax foreclosures could yield some cost savings for those local offices.

Detailed Analysis

The bill could reduce the advertising costs for county auditors associated with impending property tax foreclosures. Ultimately, cost reductions will depend on how many properties would be subject to foreclosure in each county and thereby subject to the notice requirements in the bill. Specifically, the bill allows counties to satisfy foreclosure publication requirements by publishing only once, instead of three times, in a newspaper, and by placing a notice on a website agreed upon by those officials involved with property tax foreclosure proceedings. Should these officials not agree on which website to use, the administrative judge will determine which website will be used to publish the notice. The website notice must begin to appear the week after the newspaper advertisement and remain until the foreclosure proceeding results in a judgment and finding against the property. The publication requirement is deemed to be complete once the website publication has appeared for two weeks. The bill also requires the prosecuting attorney to file an affidavit to the applicable court affirming that the online notice publication requirements have been met. This is similar to current law attestation requirements for newspapers. There could be some small costs to county prosecutors for filings these affidavits.