



# Fiscal Note

## Fiscal Services Division



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[SF 2434](#) – Local Government Ordinances and Public Notices (LSB5337SV)  
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### Description

[Senate File 2434](#) relates to the approval of policies or rules of subunits of political subdivisions by ordinance and the positing of public notices by political subdivisions. The Bill is organized into two divisions.

### Division I

#### Description

Division I of the Bill prohibits a department, office, or other subunit of a county or city from making internal policies or rules without the board of supervisors or city council approving the action through an ordinance. The Bill also requires any ordinance adopted by a board of supervisors or city council to have a cost analysis completed that shows the cost to taxpayers and businesses as well as other economic impacts of the ordinance. The results of the cost analysis must then be made accessible to the public on the official Internet site of the county or city. This Division takes effect upon enactment.

#### Background

Iowa Code section [331.301](#) provides counties with powers and limitations on ordinances, while Iowa Code section [364.3](#) provides cities with powers and limitations on ordinances.

#### Assumption

There will be an increase in costs associated with the cost-benefit analysis required for each county and city ordinance, but the increase is unknown.

#### Fiscal Impact

Cities and counties would see an increase in administrative costs due to the cost analyses required by the Bill; however, due to the variability in scope and number of analyses, the increase cannot be determined.

### Division II

#### Description

Division II of the Bill requires a governmental entity, defined as any county, city, township, school corporation, political subdivision, tax-supported district, governing body of a drainage or levee district, or nonprofit corporation, other than a fair conducting a fair event, whose facilities or indebtedness are supported in whole in part with property tax revenue and that is licensed to conduct pari-mutuel wagering, to publish statutorily required public notice on the statewide public notice website instead of in a newspaper or posted in designated areas.

The Bill also requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to annually set a rate for the compensation for publication on the statewide public notice Internet site not to exceed reasonable costs to maintain the site. Beginning June 1, 2027, the Director of DAS is required to publish the rate in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin prior to the first day of the following

