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ANALYSIS

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House Bill 5036 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)

Sponsor: Representative Michael Nye

House Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights

Senate Committee: Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs

Date Completed: 3-20-96

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to increase the maximum rate a publication may charge for publishing a legal notice, order, citation, summons, or other matter required by law to be published in a newspaper. The maximum rates would be increased from \$13.75 to \$20 per folio for the first insertion, and from \$5.35 to \$8 per folio for subsequent insertions. The minimum rate for notices that must appear two or more times would increase from \$39 to \$55, and the minimum rate for notices that appear once would increase from \$29 to \$40. The bill would take effect June 1, 1996.

(According to the Black's Law Dictionary definition of "folio", "When used in connection with legal documents, it means a certain number of words varying from 72 to 100, but generally in the United States consisting of 100.")

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Legislative Analyst: L. Burghardt

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would result in an indeterminate increase in publishing costs for the State and local units of government.

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