

## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST ALLOW PUBLIC COMMUNICATION WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS ON THEIR WEBSITE

Public Act 98-0930 amends the Local Records Act to require that units of local government and school districts that maintain an Internet website (social media or social networking websites or any other social media presence are excluded) are required to incorporate a mechanism, such as a uniform, single email address, to allow public electronic communication with the elected officials of the local government or school district. This Act further requires the website to create easy access to this mechanism through a hyperlink on the website homepage. The Act limits home rule powers and takes effect January 1, 2015.

The full text of this amendment can be accessed at the following link:

[Public Act 98-0930](#)

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