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To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Testimony on Senate Bill 244

From: Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill 244.

Publication costs attribute to the budget expense going up when you have so much just to cover publications, especially with our Regional Libraries. Allen County is "Home" County to SEK Regional Library; there are 13 other counties within our library region. If they do not have to publish in every county's newspaper, this would save quite a bit of money or at least allow them to spend it on more essential expenses. The publications sent to me in 2014 for 2015 budgets ranged from \$56.32 to \$175.70 for the exact same publication, 13 different sizes. Publication costs have a huge difference in range, which only increase from year to year!

Allen County already makes it a practice to display publications on our website; more and more people are using this type of exposure for publications. I see this as a wave of the future.

If any changes to SB244 I would suggest the publication be in the "Home" County paper and on their website.

I urge the committee to report Senate Bill 244 as favorable. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sherrie L. Riebel Allen County Clerk

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