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SENATE FLOOR ALERT

AB 1637 (Irwin): Local government: internet websites and email addresses *(As amended 5/18/23)*

OPPOSE

File # 561

Assembly Bill 1637 would require cities and counties to secure and migrate to a new .gov or .ca.gov domain no later than January 1, 2027. It would also require all email addresses to reflect the updated domain within the same time frame. Migrating to a new domain (and corresponding email addresses) would require significant investment, adversely impacting critical services and programs. In this constrained fiscal climate, we are hard-pressed to consider a project of this scope as a statewide, jurisdiction-wide priority among other direct service responsibilities to local communities are already obligated.

- AB 1637 will impose **significant costs** to local agencies across the state, particularly during a period of economic decline.
- AB 1637 will result in **confusion and frustration** as residents are redirected from their trusted local agency website to an unfamiliar website.
- AB 1637 **hurts smaller entities the hardest**. Those without dedicated IT staff or resources will have to contract out to meet the proposed deadline.
- AB 1637 **does not add any layer of new protection** against cyber security threats.

Vote NO on AB 1637

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