



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5289

LCO No. 1393



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL LEGAL NOTICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 [Each] (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
4 each provision of the general statutes, the special acts or the charter,
5 ordinances or regulations of any [town, city or borough which]
6 municipality that requires the [insertion of an advertisement]
7 publication of a legal notice in a daily newspaper shall be construed to
8 permit such [advertisement to be inserted] publication in a weekly
9 newspaper. [; but this]

10 (2) If a provision described in subdivision (1) of this subsection
11 applies to a municipality, such provision shall be construed to (A)
12 require the publication of such notice on the Internet web site of such
13 municipality, and (B) permit such publication in a daily or weekly
14 newspaper in addition to publication on such Internet web site. The
15 clerk of any such municipality shall retain a physical copy of each notice

16 published on such municipality's Internet web site for one year
17 following such publication.

18 (b) This section shall not be construed to reduce or otherwise affect
19 the time required by law for giving such notice. Whenever notice of any
20 action or other proceeding is required to be given by publication in a
21 newspaper, either by statute or order of court, the newspaper selected
22 for that purpose, unless otherwise expressly prescribed, shall be one
23 having a substantial circulation in the [town] municipality in which at
24 least one of the parties, for whose benefit such notice is given, resides.

25 (c) For the purposes of this section, "municipality" means a town, city
26 or borough.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-2

Statement of Purpose:

To require municipalities to publish legal notices on their Internet web sites.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]