



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1112

LCO No. 4330



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES BY MUNICIPALITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) Whenever any town,
2 city, borough, district, board, commission or agency is required to
3 publish a legal notice in a newspaper pursuant to any provision of
4 sections 7-3, 7-9c, 7-85, 7-131j, 7-131n, 7-139, 7-147b, 7-147q, 7-163e, 7-
5 191, 7-222, 7-247a, 7-250, 7-252, 7-255, 7-263a, 7-273f, 7-273g, 7-325, 7-
6 327, 7-344, 7-485, 7-492, 7-601, 8-2j, 8-3, 8-3c, 8-7, 8-7d, 8-23, 8-26e, 8-28,
7 8-29, 8-35a, 8-44, 8-127, 8-127a, 8-129, 8-169d, 8-169s, 8-169v, 8-189, 8-
8 191 or 8-294 of the general statutes, such town, city, borough, district,
9 board, commission or agency may elect to publish a brief legal notice
10 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, provided such town, city,
11 borough, district, board, commission or agency complies with all other
12 requirements under the provisions of said sections concerning the
13 timing and frequency of publication are met. For the purposes of this
14 section, "additional information" includes any information otherwise
15 required to be published in a legal notice pursuant to said sections.

16 (b) The brief legal notice shall provide the following information: (1)
 17 A description of the subject matter being noticed; (2) (A) the date, time
 18 and location if the subject matter is a meeting or a public hearing, (B)
 19 the hours during which polls will be open if the subject matter is a
 20 referendum or an election, (C) the address or other description of real
 21 property if the subject matter concerns real property, and (D) the
 22 decision on an application if the subject matter concerns an
 23 application; (3) the Internet web site address at which additional
 24 information concerning the subject matter is available; (4) the physical
 25 address and office hours of the office of the town clerk, at which
 26 additional information shall be made available for public inspection;
 27 and (5) a telephone number that may be called to request that a copy of
 28 additional information be mailed at no charge.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) Any newspaper that
 30 publishes legal notices for municipalities shall indicate in the index of
 31 such newspaper the pages on which such legal notices are printed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize municipalities to publish shorter legal notices in the newspaper provided additional information is made available to the public by other means, and to require any newspaper that publishes legal notices for municipalities to indicate in the index of the newspaper the page on which such legal notices may be found.

[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.]