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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sSB 902

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL LEGAL NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill allows municipalities and boroughs, whenever they are required by the law or a charter to advertise a legal notice in a newspaper, to instead advertise a brief description of the matter being noticed. The municipality or borough must publish the full notice in a conspicuous place on its website, and a reference to the website must be included in the brief description published in the newspaper.

By law, legal notices required to be published in a newspaper must appear in a daily or weekly newspaper that has a substantial circulation in the municipality in which at least one of the parties, for whose benefit the notice is given, resides. The bill specifies that these legal notices may be published in a weekly newspaper that is distributed to town residents free of charge.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bill***

sSB 1112, reported favorably by the Planning and Development Committee, makes a similar change for certain legal notices specified in the bill.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/27/2013)