



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 40***

LCO No. 360



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

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

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 Section 1-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2014*):

3 Each provision of the general statutes, the special acts or the charter  
4 of any town, city or borough which requires the insertion of an  
5 advertisement of a legal notice in a daily newspaper shall be construed  
6 to permit such advertisement to be inserted in a weekly newspaper,  
7 including, but not limited to, a weekly newspaper distributed free of  
8 charge to the residents of the town, city or borough; but this section  
9 shall not be construed to reduce or otherwise affect the time required  
10 by law for giving such notice. With respect to any such requirement for  
11 the insertion of an advertisement of a legal notice in a newspaper by a  
12 town, city or borough, a description of such advertisement containing  
13 a brief summary of the matter being noticed and a reference to the  
14 Internet web site of such town, city or borough for additional  
15 information may be published in lieu of the full legal notice. Such

16 additional information, including, but not limited to, any information  
17 otherwise required to be published in such legal notice, shall be posted  
18 in a conspicuous place on such web site. Whenever notice of any action  
19 or other proceeding is required to be given by publication in a  
20 newspaper, either by statute or order of court, the newspaper selected  
21 for that purpose, unless otherwise expressly prescribed, shall be one  
22 having a substantial circulation in the town in which at least one of the  
23 parties, for whose benefit such notice is given, resides.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	1-2

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize municipalities to publish a brief summary of a matter being noticed in a newspaper with a reference to the municipality's Internet web site for additional information in lieu of publication of a full legal notice.

*[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.]*