



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6966

LCO No. 4211



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL NEWSPAPER POSTINGS.

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 Section 1-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 January 1, 2016*):

3 (a) Each provision of the general statutes, the special acts or the
4 charter of any town, city or borough [which] that requires the insertion
5 of an advertisement of a legal notice in a daily newspaper shall be
6 construed to permit such advertisement to be inserted in a weekly
7 newspaper, including, but not limited to, a weekly newspaper
8 distributed free of charge to the residents of the town, city or borough;
9 but this section shall not be construed to reduce or otherwise affect the
10 time required by law for giving such notice. Whenever notice of any
11 action or other proceeding is required to be given by publication in a
12 newspaper, either by statute or order of court, the newspaper selected
13 for that purpose, unless otherwise expressly prescribed, shall be one
14 having a substantial circulation in the town in which at least one of the
15 parties, for whose benefit such notice is given, resides.

16 (b) With respect to any requirement for the insertion of an
17 advertisement of a legal notice in a newspaper by a town, city or
18 borough, a description of such legal notice containing a brief summary
19 of the matter being noticed and a reference to the Internet web site of
20 the newspaper in which such legal notice is placed may be published
21 in lieu of the full legal notice. Any newspaper that offers publication of
22 such legal notices on an Internet web site shall post the full legal notice
23 in a conspicuous location on such web site and make any such full
24 legal notice available to the public free of charge.

25 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 1-225 of the general statutes is
26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
27 *January 1, 2016*):

28 (a) The meetings of all public agencies, except executive sessions, as
29 defined in subdivision (6) of section 1-200, shall be open to the public.
30 The votes of each member of any such public agency upon any issue
31 before such public agency shall be reduced to writing and made
32 available for public inspection within forty-eight hours and shall also
33 be recorded in the minutes of the session at which taken. Not later than
34 seven days after the date of the session to which such minutes refer,
35 such minutes shall be available for public inspection and posted on
36 such public agency's Internet web site, if available. [, except that no
37 public agency of a political subdivision of the state shall be required to
38 post such minutes on an Internet web site.] Each public agency shall
39 make, keep and maintain a record of the proceedings of its meetings.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	1-2
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	1-225(a)

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.]