



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6966

January Session, 2015



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 Section 1-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the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] or metropolitan district
5 that requires the insertion of an advertisement of a legal notice in a
6 daily newspaper shall be construed to permit such advertisement to be
7 inserted in a weekly newspaper, including, but not limited to, a weekly
8 newspaper distributed free of charge to the residents of the town, city,
9 borough or metropolitan district; but this section shall not be
10 construed to reduce or otherwise affect the time required by law for
11 giving such notice. Whenever notice of any action or other proceeding
12 is required to be given by publication in a newspaper, either by statute
13 or order of court, the newspaper selected for that purpose, unless
14 otherwise expressly prescribed, shall be one having a substantial
15 circulation in the town in which at least one of the parties, for whose
16 benefit such notice is given, resides.

17 (b) With respect to any requirement for the insertion of an
18 advertisement of a legal notice in a newspaper by a town, city,
19 borough or metropolitan district, a description of such legal notice

20 containing a brief summary of the matter being noticed and a reference
 21 to the Internet web site of the newspaper in which such legal notice is
 22 placed may be published in lieu of the full legal notice. Any newspaper
 23 that offers publication of such legal notices on an Internet web site
 24 shall post the full legal notice in a conspicuous location on such web
 25 site and make any such full legal notice available to the public free of
 26 charge.

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 28 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

30 (a) The meetings of all public agencies, except executive sessions, as
 31 defined in subdivision (6) of section 1-200, shall be open to the public.
 32 The votes of each member of any such public agency upon any issue
 33 before such public agency shall be reduced to writing and made
 34 available for public inspection within forty-eight hours and shall also
 35 be recorded in the minutes of the session at which taken. Not later than
 36 seven days after the date of the session to which such minutes refer,
 37 such minutes shall be available for public inspection and posted on
 38 such public agency's Internet web site, if available, [, except that no
 39 public agency of a political subdivision of the state shall be required to
 40 post such minutes on an Internet web site.] Each public agency shall
 41 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	January 1, 2016	1-2
Sec. 2	January 1, 2016	1-225(a)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1, "or metropolitan district" was inserted after the references to town, city or borough for conformity.

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*