



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7208

LCO No. 4586



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, 2019*) (a) Whenever any town,
2 city, borough, district, board, commission or other agency is required
3 to publish a legal notice in a newspaper pursuant to any provision of
4 section 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, 8-294 or 22-332 of the general statutes, such town, city, borough,
9 district, board, commission or other agency may elect to publish a brief
10 legal notice pursuant to subsection (b) of this section in lieu of the
11 notice required in any of said sections, provided such town, city,
12 borough, district, board, commission or other agency complies with all
13 other requirements under the provisions of said sections concerning
14 the timing and frequency of such publication.

15 (b) Any such brief legal notice shall include, but not be limited to,

16 (1) a description of the subject matter being noticed; (2) (A) the date,
17 time and location if the subject matter is a meeting or public hearing,
18 (B) the hours during which polls will be open if the subject matter is a
19 referendum or election, (C) the address or other description if the
20 subject matter concerns real property, and (D) the decision or other
21 action taken if the subject matter concerns an application; (3) the
22 Internet web site address at which additional information concerning
23 the subject matter is available; (4) the physical address and office hours
24 of the office of the town clerk, at which additional information
25 concerning the subject matter shall be made available for public
26 inspection; and (5) a telephone number that may be called to request
27 that a copy of additional information concerning the subject matter be
28 mailed at no charge. As used in this section, "additional information"
29 includes any information otherwise required to be published in a legal
30 notice pursuant to the sections referenced in subsection (a) of this
31 section.

32 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) Each newspaper that
33 publishes any legal notice for any municipality shall indicate, in the
34 index of such newspaper, each page on which any such legal notice is
35 printed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize municipalities to publish shorter legal notices in the newspaper if 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.]