

AN ACT concerning notices.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Notice By Publication Act is amended by changing Sections 2, 2.1, and 3.1 as follows:

(715 ILCS 5/2) (from Ch. 100, par. 2)

Sec. 2. Whenever an officer of a court, unit of local government, or school district is required by law to give notice by publication in a newspaper which is published in a particular unit of local government or school district, he shall, if there is no newspaper which is published in the unit of local government or school district, give notice by publication ~~in a newspaper published in the county in which the unit of local government or school district is located and having general circulation within the unit of local government or school district. If there is no newspaper published in the county in which the unit of local government or school district is located,~~ notice by publication in a newspaper shall be given in a secular newspaper, as defined in this Act, ~~published in an adjoining county~~ having general circulation within the unit of local government or school district.

(Source: P.A. 96-1144, eff. 12-31-12.)

(715 ILCS 5/2.1)

Sec. 2.1. Statewide website. Whenever notice by publication in a newspaper is required by law, order of court, or contract, the newspaper publishing the notice shall, at no additional cost to government, cause the notice to be placed ~~place the notice~~ on the statewide website established and maintained as a joint venture of the majority of Illinois newspapers as a repository for such notices.

(Source: P.A. 96-1144, eff. 12-31-12.)

(715 ILCS 5/3.1) (from Ch. 100, par. 3.1)

Sec. 3.1. When any notice is required by law, or order of court, to be published in any newspaper, publication of such notice shall include the printing of such notice in the total circulation of each edition on the date of publication of the newspaper in which the notice is published; and the newspaper publishing the notice shall, at no additional cost to government, cause the notice to be placed ~~place the notice~~ on the statewide website established and maintained as a joint venture of the majority of Illinois newspapers as a repository for such notices. All notices required for publication by this Act shall remain legal and valid for all purposes when any error that occurs pursuant to the requirements of this Section for placement of the notice on the statewide website is the fault of the printer.

(Source: P.A. 96-1144, eff. 12-31-12.)

Section 10. The Newspaper Legal Notice Act is amended by changing Sections 2 and 3 as follows:

(715 ILCS 10/2) (from Ch. 100, par. 10.1)

Sec. 2. When any legal notice is required by law to be published in any newspaper, such notice shall include the printing of such notice in the total circulation of each edition on the date of publication of the newspaper in which the notice is published; and the newspaper publishing the notice shall, at no additional cost to government, cause the notice to be placed ~~place the notice~~ on the statewide website established and maintained as a joint venture of the majority of Illinois newspapers as a repository for such notices. All notices required for publication by this Act shall remain legal and valid for all purposes when any error that occurs pursuant to the requirements of this Section in the requirement for placement of the notice on the statewide website is the fault of the printer.

(Source: P.A. 96-1144, eff. 12-31-12.)

(715 ILCS 10/3)

Sec. 3. Applicability.

(a) Any notice published prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly and in compliance with the provisions of this amendatory Act shall be

legal and valid for all purposes.

(b) If, after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, there is a notice that is required by law or order of court to be published in a particular unit of local government or school district and there is no newspaper published in that unit of local government or school district, ~~or, in the county in which the unit of local government or school district is located,~~ the notice shall be published in a secular newspaper, as defined by this Act, ~~that is published in an adjoining county~~ having general circulation within the unit of local government or school district. To the extent that there is a conflict between the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly and any other provision of law, the provisions added by this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly shall control.

(Source: P.A. 96-59, eff. 7-23-09; 96-1144, eff. 12-31-12.)

Section 15. The Legal Advertising Rate Act is amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

(715 ILCS 15/1) (from Ch. 100, par. 11)

Sec. 1. For purposes of this Act, "required public notice" means any notice, advertisement, proclamation, statement, proposal, ordinance or proceedings of an official body or board or any other matter or material that is required by law or by the order or rule of any court to be published in any

newspaper. The face of type of any required public notice shall not be ~~made shall be not~~ smaller than the body type used in the classified advertising in the newspaper in which the required public notice is published. The minimum rate shall be 20 cents per column line for each insertion of a required public notice. The maximum rate charged for each insertion of a required public notice shall not exceed the lowest classified rate paid by commercial users for comparable space in the newspapers in which the required public notice appears and shall include all cash discounts, multiple insertion discounts, and similar benefits extended to the newspaper's regular customers. For the purposes of this Act, "commercial user" means a customer submitting commercial advertising, and does not include a customer submitting a required public notice.

(Source: P.A. 97-146, eff. 1-1-12.)