



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5289**

February Session, 2026



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

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 Section 1-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2026*):

3 [Each] (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,  
4 any provision of the general statutes, the special acts or the charter,  
5 ordinances or regulations of any [town, city or borough which]  
6 municipality that requires the [insertion of an advertisement]  
7 publication of a legal notice in a daily newspaper shall be construed to  
8 permit such [advertisement to be inserted] publication in a weekly  
9 newspaper. [; but this section shall not be construed to reduce or  
10 otherwise affect the time required by law for giving such notice.]

11 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, if  
12 a provision described in subdivision (1) of this subsection applies to a  
13 municipality, such provision shall be construed to (A) require the  
14 posting of such notice, which notice shall include the date of such  
15 posting, in a conspicuous location on the Internet web site of such  
16 municipality, and (B) permit such publication in a daily or weekly  
17 newspaper in addition to such posting on such Internet web site. If any  
18 provision of the general statutes, any special act or any local charter,

19 ordinance or regulation requires a municipality to publish a notice more  
20 than once, a municipality may comply with such requirement by  
21 posting such notice on the Internet web site of the municipality the  
22 number of times and at such intervals as required by such provision. A  
23 municipality shall retain a physical copy of each notice posted on such  
24 municipality's Internet web site for not less than one year following such  
25 posting.

26 (b) Whenever notice of any action or other proceeding is required to  
27 be given by publication in a newspaper, either by statute or order of  
28 court, the newspaper selected for that purpose, unless otherwise  
29 expressly prescribed, shall be one [having] that has a substantial  
30 circulation in the [town] municipality in which at least one of the parties,  
31 for whose benefit such notice is given, resides.

32 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to reduce or otherwise  
33 affect the time required by law for giving such notice.

34 (d) For the purposes of this section, "municipality" means a town, city  
35 or borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and  
36 borough.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	1-2

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