

**Second Regular Session  
Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

*This Unofficial Version Includes Committee  
Amendments Not Yet Adopted on Second Reading*

LLS NO. 26-0578.01 Jacob Bennington x2371

**HOUSE BILL 26-1095**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Suckla,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

Transportation, Housing & Local Government

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING UNPAID ONLINE ACCESS TO PUBLIC NOTICES PUBLISHED**  
102 **IN LEGAL NEWSPAPERS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Current law requires a county or municipality to publish legal notices in a physical print newspaper. The bill gives a county or municipality discretion to publish legal notices online on the newspaper's website instead. Legal notices published online must be free to access and cannot be kept behind a paywall or subscription.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-70-103, **add (3.5)**  
3 **and (6)** as follows:

4 **24-70-103. Requisites of legal newspaper.**

5 (3.5) IF NO NEWSPAPER THAT SATISFIES EITHER THE  
6 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) OR (3) OF THIS SECTION EXISTS WITHIN  
7 THE COUNTY IN WHICH PUBLICATION OF A LEGAL NOTICE OR  
8 ADVERTISEMENT IS REQUIRED, AND PUBLICATION IN AN ADJOINING  
9 COUNTY WOULD NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC, A  
10 COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR SPECIAL DISTRICT MAY PUBLISH THE LEGAL  
11 NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT ON ITS WEBSITE. SUCH PUBLICATION IS  
12 CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY ALL PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS IN  
13 THIS SECTION.

14 (6) WHEN ANY LEGAL NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE  
15 PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A COUNTY,  
16 MUNICIPALITY, OR SPECIAL DISTRICT, THE NEWSPAPER SHALL ALSO MAKE  
17 THE NOTICE AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE WITHOUT CHARGE AND THE  
18 NEWSPAPER SHALL NOT REQUIRE PAYMENT OR SUBSCRIPTION TO ITS  
19 PHYSICAL OR DIGITAL PRINT IN ORDER TO VIEW THE NOTICE. A NEWSPAPER  
20 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENT OF THIS SUBSECTION (6) EITHER BY POSTING  
21 THE FULL TEXT OF THE NOTICE ON ITS WEBSITE OR PROVIDING A LINK ON  
22 ITS WEBSITE TO A LOCATION WHERE THE FULL TEXT OF THE NOTICE IS  
23 AVAILABLE, SUCH AS THE STATEWIDE PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE  
24 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

25 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
2 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.