



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-061: PUBLICATION CNTYS WITHOUT LEGAL NEWSPAPERS

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law
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Version: Final Fiscal Note
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Fiscal note status: This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill creates a new order of priority for legal notices or advertisements that are required by law to be published by local governments in a newspaper.

No Fiscal Impact. The bill has no fiscal impact on state or local government.

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a new order of priority for legal notices or advertisements required by law to be published in a newspaper. The bill requires, in the following order of priority, that a local government publish legal notices in a newspaper that has been printed or published in the county:

- continuously for at least one year prior to the published notice and meeting the requirements for United States periodical mailing privileges;
- for at least one year prior to the published notice, and satisfies the requirements for US periodical mailing privileges but for the absence of paid circulation; or
- that would otherwise satisfy the first two requirements but for the requirement that the newspaper hasn't been published continuously for one year.

If there are no newspapers in the county that meet the requirements, a government may publish in an adjoining county in the same order of priority. Finally, the bill allows special districts with territory in two counties, each of which has one or more newspapers that satisfy the above requirements, to publish a notice in either newspaper.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill allows for additional flexibility local governments to publish legal notices. The bill does not reduce the number of notices required. Because governments are still required to publish notices, the bill does not change state and local government revenue or expenditures. Therefore, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into by the Governor on April 20, 2026, and takes effect on August 12, 2026, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contact

All State and Local Governments

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).