

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

February 25, 2026  
Date

Committee on Local Government & Housing.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB26-061 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation and with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3           **"SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-70-103, **amend**  
4 (1) and (3); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

5           **24-70-103. Requisites of legal newspaper.**

6           (1) Any and every legal notice or advertisement shall be published  
7 ~~only~~ IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY in a daily, a triweekly, a  
8 semiweekly, or a weekly newspaper of general circulation: ~~and printed or~~  
9 ~~published in whole or in part in the county in which such notice or~~  
10 ~~advertisement is required to be published, except as provided in this~~  
11 ~~section. The newspaper, if published triweekly, semiweekly, or weekly,~~  
12 ~~shall have been so published in such county, except as provided in this~~  
13 ~~section, continuously and uninterruptedly during the period of at least~~  
14 ~~fifty-two consecutive weeks next prior to the first issue thereof containing~~  
15 ~~any such notice or advertisement; and the newspaper, if published daily,~~  
16 ~~shall have been so published in such county, uninterruptedly and~~  
17 ~~continuously, during the period of at least six months next prior to the~~  
18 ~~first issue thereof containing any such notice or advertisement. In the case~~  
19 ~~of a municipality having territory in two counties, each of which counties~~  
20 ~~has one or more legal newspapers within the municipality, the publication~~  
21 ~~by such municipality of its legal notices and advertisements in one of such~~  
22 ~~newspapers shall be construed as valid publication under this part 1.~~

23           (a) FIRST, IN SUCH A NEWSPAPER THAT HAS BEEN PRINTED OR  
24 PUBLISHED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LEGAL  
25 NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT IS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED  
26 UNINTERRUPTEDLY AND CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR

1 TO THE FIRST ISSUE CONTAINING THE LEGAL NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT  
2 AND THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF A LEGAL PUBLICATION  
3 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 24-70-102;

4 (b) SECOND, IN SUCH A NEWSPAPER THAT HAS BEEN PRINTED OR  
5 PUBLISHED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LEGAL  
6 NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT IS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED  
7 UNINTERRUPTEDLY AND CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR  
8 TO THE FIRST ISSUE CONTAINING THE LEGAL NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT  
9 AND THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED  
10 STATES MAILED WITH PERIODICALS MAILING PRIVILEGES BUT FOR THE  
11 ABSENCE OF PAID CIRCULATION THAT IS DISTRIBUTED WITHIN THE  
12 TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTY; OR

13 (c) THIRD, IN SUCH A NEWSPAPER THAT HAS BEEN PRINTED OR  
14 PUBLISHED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LEGAL  
15 NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT IS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED THAT WOULD  
16 OTHERWISE SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (1)(a) OR (1)(b)  
17 OF THIS SECTION BUT FOR THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE NEWSPAPER SHALL  
18 HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY UNINTERRUPTEDLY AND  
19 CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE FIRST ISSUE  
20 CONTAINING THE LEGAL NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT.

21 (1.5) IF A MUNICIPALITY OR SPECIAL DISTRICT HAS TERRITORY IN  
22 TWO COUNTIES, EACH OF WHICH HAS ONE OR MORE NEWSPAPERS THAT  
23 SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF A LEGAL PUBLICATION SPECIFIED IN  
24 SECTION 24-70-102 WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OR SPECIAL DISTRICT, THE  
25 MUNICIPALITY OR SPECIAL DISTRICT MAY PUBLISH NOTICE IN EITHER  
26 NEWSPAPER.

27 ~~(3) If in any county in this state no newspaper has been published~~  
28 ~~for the prescribed period at the time when any such notice or~~  
29 ~~advertisement is required to be published or if there is no newspaper~~  
30 ~~published therein, such notice or advertisement may be published in any~~  
31 ~~newspaper published in whole or in part in an adjoining county and~~  
32 ~~having a general circulation in whole or in part in said county having no~~  
33 ~~newspaper published therein. If there is no newspaper in any adjoining~~  
34 ~~county that has been published for the prescribed period at the time when~~  
35 ~~any such notice or advertisement is required to be published, a required~~  
36 ~~notice or advertisement may be published in a newspaper having general~~  
37 ~~circulation within the county.~~ IF NONE OF THE OPTIONS APPLICABLE TO  
38 ANY AND EVERY LEGAL NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT SET FORTH IN  
39 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ARE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE COUNTY IN  
40 WHICH PUBLICATION OF A LEGAL NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT IS REQUIRED,  
41 THE LEGAL NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT MAY BE PUBLISHED IN AN  
42 ADJOINING COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAME ORDER OF PRIORITY  
43 IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. IF NONE OF THE OPTIONS SET FORTH

1 IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ARE AVAILABLE IN ANY ADJOINING  
2 COUNTY, THE LEGAL NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT MAY BE PUBLISHED IN A  
3 NEWSPAPER THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A LEGAL  
4 PUBLICATION SPECIFIED IN SECTION 24-70-102, SELECTED WITH PRIMARY  
5 CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY.

6           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
7 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
8 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
9 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
10 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
11 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
12 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
13 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
14 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
15 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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