

CHAPTER 138

GOVERNMENT - LOCAL

HOUSE BILL 26-1095

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Suckla and Nguyen, Duran, Hamrick, Richardson, Slauch, Titone;
also SENATOR(S) Pelton R. and Lindstedt, Carson, Gonzales J., Marchman, Snyder, Coleman.

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-70-103, **amend** (5); and **add** (6) as follows:

24-70-103. Requisites of legal newspaper.

(5) When any legal notice is required by law to be published in any newspaper, the newspaper publishing the notice shall, at no additional cost to the person or entity placing the notice, place the notice on a statewide website established and maintained by an organization representing a majority of Colorado newspapers as a repository for the notices. THE STATEWIDE PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE MUST INCLUDE A LIST OF NEWSPAPERS THAT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, IDENTIFIED BY COUNTY.

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

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final

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

Approved: May 19, 2026