

HOUSE No. 2414

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer E. Benson

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the publication of notice requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jennifer E. Benson

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

37th Middlesex

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2414) of Jennifer E. Benson relative to the publication of notice requirements in local publications and city or town halls. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the publication of notice requirements.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 32 of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2 striking out, in lines 35 to 36, inclusive, the words “published at least twice at least one week
3 apart in a newspaper of general circulation in the town” and inserting in place thereof the
4 following words:- posted in any manner prescribed or approved under the authority of section 20
5 of chapter 30A.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 32 of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further
7 amended by striking out, in lines 42 to 43, inclusive, the words “publishing in one or more
8 newspapers” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- posting in a manner prescribed
9 or approved under the authority of section 20 of chapter 30A.

10 SECTION 3. Said section 32 of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further
11 amended by striking out, in lines 61 to 62, inclusive, the words “a conspicuous place in the city

12 or town hall” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- any manner prescribed or
13 approved under the authority of section 20 of chapter 30A.

14 SECTION 4. Said section 32 of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further
15 amended by striking out, in lines 62 to 64, inclusive, the words “, and shall publish it once in a
16 newspaper of general circulation in the town”.

17 SECTION 5. Section 32A of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
18 striking out, in lines 9 to 10, inclusive, the words “published at least two times in a newspaper of
19 general circulation in the city” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- posted in any
20 manner prescribed or approved under the authority of section 20 of chapter 30A.

21 SECTION 6. Section 5 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
22 amended by striking out, in lines 26 to 28, inclusive, the words “in a newspaper of general
23 circulation in the city or town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be
24 not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and”.

25 SECTION 7. Said section 5 of said chapter 40A, as so appearing, is hereby further
26 amended by striking out, in line 29, the words “a conspicuous place in the city or town hall” and
27 inserting in place thereof the following words:- any manner prescribed or approved under the
28 authority of section 20 of chapter 30A.

29 SECTION 8. Section 11 of said chapter 40A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
30 striking out, in lines 2 to 5, inclusive, the words “publication in a newspaper of general
31 circulation in the city or town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be
32 not less than fourteen days before the day of the hearing and by”.

33 SECTION 9. Said section 11 of said chapter 40A, as so appearing, is hereby further
34 amended by striking out, in lines 5 to 6, inclusive, the words “a conspicuous place in the city or
35 town hall” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- any manner prescribed or
36 approved under the authority of section 20 of chapter 30A.