

SENATE BILL 2426

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3, Part 12; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 8, Chapter 21, Part 13, relative to legal notices.

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the General Assembly to increase the availability and visibility of legal notices for the public; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-21-1301, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Where a publication of a legal notice of any kind is allowed or required by law, a newspaper publishing such notice shall charge and receive not more than its regular classified advertising rate.

(b) If publication of a legal notice in a newspaper is required by town, city or municipal code or charter, a town, city, or municipality may in lieu of a newspaper publication satisfy the public notice requirement by:

(1) Posting the legal notice conspicuously in the main administrative office of the town or city;

(2) Posting the legal notice conspicuously on or inside two (2) publicly-owned buildings such as a courthouse or library located within the town or city limits;

(3) Posting the legal notice on the homepage of the town or city web site operating without substantial interruption for at least one (1) year prior to posting the notice;

(4) Publishing the legal notice on a newspaper of general circulation located geographically closest to the town or city; or

(5) Publishing the legal notice on a statewide web site established and maintained as a joint venture of the majority of newspapers in this state as a repository for legal notices and public announcements.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.