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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits municipalities to publish legal notices in certain newspapers.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT permitting municipalities to publish legal notices in certain  
2 newspapers and supplementing chapter 53 of Title 40 of the  
3 Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the  
9 contrary, whenever a municipality, municipal agency, or any  
10 municipal officer or employee is required by law to publish a legal  
11 notice in one or more newspapers, the municipality, municipal  
12 agency, officer or employee may satisfy the publication requirement  
13 by publishing the legal notice in a qualified newspaper.

14 b. For the purposes of this section:

15 "Municipal agency" means any division, board, bureau, office,  
16 commission, or other instrumentality within or created by a  
17 municipality, and any independent authority, commission,  
18 instrumentality or agency created by a municipality.

19 "Qualified newspaper" means a newspaper that:

20 (1) is published and circulates at least once each week, for at  
21 least 48 weeks of each year;

22 (2) prints a minimum of 25 percent of the published words, in  
23 each publication of the newspaper, in English;

24 (3) is available and easily accessible in printed form to the  
25 public in the municipality generally; and

26 (4) generally contains information of interest or value to the  
27 public in the municipality.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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## STATEMENT

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34 This bill permits municipalities to publish legal notices in certain  
35 qualified newspapers. Under the bill, a municipality, municipal  
36 agency, or any municipal officer or employee may satisfy legal  
37 notice publication requirements by publishing the legal notice in a  
38 qualified newspaper. The bill provides that a "qualified newspaper"  
39 means a newspaper that is published at least weekly, as specified in  
40 the bill, with at least 25 percent of the newspaper's words in  
41 English, is generally available to the public in the municipality, and  
42 contains information of interest to the public in the municipality.