

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5151**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**221st LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Allows public bodies to continue using newspapers for required public notices and legal advertisements until certain specified date without regard to format.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/16/2024)**

1 AN ACT allowing publication of required public notices and legal  
2 advertisements in certain newspapers for extended period  
3 without regard to format.

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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. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, or municipal  
9 ordinance to the contrary, a newspaper utilized by a public body, as  
10 defined in section 3 of the "Open Public Meetings Act," P.L.1975,  
11 c.231 (C.10:4-8), from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024  
12 for the purpose of complying with any requirements for issuing or  
13 publishing a public notice or legal advertisement, including for  
14 providing adequate notice of a meeting, and designated as an  
15 official newspaper, shall be deemed eligible for the same purposes  
16 from January 1, 2025 to March 1, 2025 regardless of physical or  
17 digital format for the newspaper's publication.

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19 2. This act shall take effect on December 31, 2024.

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#### STATEMENT

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24 This bill provides that a newspaper utilized by a public body, as  
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31 January 1, 2025 to March 1, 2025 regardless of physical or digital  
32 format for the newspaper's publication.