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STATE OF COLORADO**

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HOUSE BILL 26-1095

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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House Committees

Transportation, Housing & Local Government

Senate Committees

Local Government & Housing

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law requires a county or municipality to publish legal notices in a physical print newspaper. The bill gives a county or municipality discretion to publish legal notices online on the newspaper's website instead. Legal notices published online must be free to access and cannot be kept behind a paywall or subscription.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
March 30, 2026

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
March 11, 2026

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
March 10, 2026

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

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

4 **24-70-103. Requisites of legal newspaper.**

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

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

23 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
24 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
25 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
26 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a

1 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
2 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
3 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
4 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
5 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.