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An Act Regarding Posting of Legal Notices and Legal Advertising

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §601, first ¶, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. YYYY, §1, is further amended to read:

To be qualified as a medium for the publication of legal notices, legal advertising and other matter required by law to be published in a newspaper, a newspaper, unless otherwise ordered by the court in the proceedings, must be printed in the English language; must be entered as 2nd class postal matter in the United States mails; ~~and~~ must have general circulation in the vicinity where the notice is required to be published; and may be offered to the public either for free or for a fee. Any legal notice, legal advertising or other matter required by law to be published in a newspaper must appear in all editions of that newspaper and must appear on any publicly accessible website that the newspaper maintains in accordance with the requirements of section 603.

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that legal notices may be placed in newspapers offered to the public for free as long as all other requirements for an eligible newspaper are met.