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In Senate, June 5, 2017

An Act To Improve the Effectiveness of Notices Required by State Law

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §601**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. YYYY, §1, is further
3 amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

4 This section is repealed January 1, 2018.

5 **Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §602**, as corrected by RR 1997, c. 2, §2, is amended by adding at
6 the end a new paragraph to read:

7 This section is repealed January 1, 2018.

8 **Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §603**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 19, §1, is further amended by
9 adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

10 This section is repealed July 1, 2018.

11 **Sec. 4. 1 MRSA §604** is enacted to read:

12 **§604. Posting of legal notices**

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning July 1, 2018, a legal notice
14 may not be required to be published in a newspaper but must be posted on a publicly
15 accessible website that must be maintained by the Department of Administrative and
16 Financial Services.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill amends the law regarding legal notices to prohibit, beginning July 1, 2018,
19 any requirement that a legal notice must be published in a newspaper and to require,
20 beginning on that date, a legal notice to be posted on a publicly accessible website
21 maintained by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.