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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 961, L.D. 1344, Bill, “An Act To Modernize the State's Legal Notice Requirements”

Amend the bill in section 2 in §601-A by striking out all of subsections 2 and 3 and inserting the following:

2. Statewide repository for legal notices. Beginning July 1, 2014, a statewide association representing newspapers shall establish and maintain, at its own expense, a publicly accessible electronic repository for any legal notices appearing on publicly accessible newspaper websites in accordance with subsection 1. A newspaper publishing legal notices in accordance with section 601 shall submit the legal notice to the repository.

Beginning July 1, 2014, a newspaper that maintains a publicly accessible website and publishes legal notices in accordance with section 601 shall provide on the website a link to the statewide repository. The newspaper must prominently display information regarding a person's ability to receive e-mail notifications from the repository and the process for requesting such notifications on the page of the newspaper's publicly accessible website where legal notices appear. The statewide association representing newspapers that establishes and maintains the publicly accessible electronic repository is responsible for providing e-mail notification of legal notices upon request and at no charge. An e-mail notification with respect to a legal notice must be sent within one day of the legal notice's being published in print in the newspaper or on the publicly accessible website of the newspaper.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and provides that the statewide association representing newspapers that under the bill is required to establish and maintain a publicly accessible electronic repository is responsible for providing e-mail notification of legal notices upon request and at no charge.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT