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STATE OF MAINE
131st MAINE LEGISLATURE
RE: LEGISLATIVE NOTICES

ATTENTION: MAGGIE HOOD
287-1330

***** (FAX: 287-1580) *

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:
SEN. TIM NANGLE AND REP. HOLLY STOVER

LD 422 :AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT MUNICIPALITIES
PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE IN NEWSPAPERS:

COMMENTS: NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!

When I saw this notice in the MAINE SUNDAY TELEGRAM of 2-19-23,
several relatively new terms came to mind:

AGEISM: DIVERSITY: INCLUSION: CENSORSHIP: ISOLATION, CANCEL CULTURE: ETC.

I subscribe to the PRESS HERALD/SUNDAY TELEGRAM specifically
for the LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

I can see an advertisement from Buxton, and right beside it
there may be another ad from Sanford, Kennebunk, Cape Elizabeth,
Portland, Brunswick, etc. dealing with the same issues. I can
check their ordinances or proposals for comparison, such as how
municipalities are dealing with the relatively new law concerning
housing and local impacts. (I don't use digital stuff, so I
would be one of the isolated if this proposal were to pass).
This proposal would EXCLUDE many in my AGE(ISM) group.

The Municipalities already have the DIVERSITY to include this
in their public access channels, but removing this from the
LEGAL AD SECTION would have the effect of CENSORSHIP for us
by restricting the flow of public information and moving it
to just one source.

You say, the municipalities could still advertise in the paper,
but you know it will never happen.

PLEASE, DO NOT LET THIS OUT OF COMMITTEE.

SINCERELY, CLIFF THOMAS, P. O. BOX 305, BUXTON, ME. 04093