

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 258

S.P. 96

In Senate, February 3, 2015

### An Act Regarding Posting of Legal Notices and Legal Advertising

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.  
Cosponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport and  
Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HIGGINS of Dover-  
Foxcroft, STEARNS of Guilford, WALLACE of Dexter.

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

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

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

13 **SUMMARY**

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