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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Correct Inconsistencies in the
Publication of Legal Notices.

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

6 Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §601, as amended by PL 1967, c.
7 428, §1, is further amended to read:

1 §601. Publication of legal notices and advertising

2 To be qualified as a medium for the publication of
3 legal notices, legal advertising and other matter
4 required by law to be published in a newspaper, a
5 newspaper, unless otherwise ordered by the court in
6 the proceedings, must be published and printed in
7 whole or in part in this State or, where the law so
8 requires, in whole or in part in the county where the
9 notice is required to be published; must be printed
10 in the English language; and must be entered as second
11 class postal matter in the United States mails at the
12 post office in the place of such printing and
13 publication. In the event in a county no newspaper
14 entered as second class postal matter and satisfying
15 the requirements of this section is published and
16 printed or has its principal place of business in such
17 county, any legal notices, legal advertising or other
18 matter required by law to be published in a newspaper
19 in said county may be published in a newspaper
20 satisfying such requirements except that it is
21 published and printed or has its principal place of
22 business in an adjoining county. Nothing herein
23 contained shall be construed to alter or in any way
24 affect the existing law governing the foreclosure of
25 real estate mortgages, chattel mortgages or any
26 conditional-sales-contract-by-publication.

27 Sec. 2. 3.MRSA §121 is amended to read:

28 §121. Notice of petitions affecting individuals
29 or corporations

30 Notice of any petition for legislation, affecting
31 the rights of individuals or corporations, may be
32 given by serving them with a true copy of the petition
33 at least 14 days before the commencement of the next
34 session, or by publishing such copy 3 weeks
35 successively in some newspaper printed a newspaper
36 of general circulation in the counties in which such
37 individuals reside or such corporations are
38 established, or if no newspaper is there published,
39 then in the state paper, the last publication to be
40 at least 14 days before the session. If further
41 service is deemed necessary, or if notice is defective

1 or insufficient, further notice may be ordered.

2 Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §125 is amended to read:

3 §125. Notice of petitions for special legislation
4 pertaining to fish and game

5 Notice of petitions, bills or resolves for special
6 legislation, regarding or in any manner pertaining to
7 fish or game, shall be given with full description of
8 the territory or waters affected by such legislation,
9 in some weekly publication nearest a newspaper of
10 general circulation in the locality so affected, at
11 least once a week for 8 consecutive weeks, the last
12 notice to be not less than one, nor more than 3 weeks
13 before the assembling of the Legislature of which such
14 legislation is requested, and such notice shall be
15 absolutely required before any such legislation shall
16 be enacted. All laws hereafter enacted pertaining to
17 fish or game which do not conform to the general laws
18 of the State shall for the purposes of this section be
19 deemed special. This section shall not apply to any
20 petition, Act or resolve, either repealing or
21 amendatory, which has for its object the placing of
22 the territory or waters in question under the general
23 laws of the State.

24 Sec. 4. 6 MRSA §243, sub-§1 is amended to read:

25 1. Adoption of zoning regulations. No airport
26 zoning regulations shall be adopted, amended or
27 changed under this chapter, except by action of the
28 legislative body of the political subdivision in
29 question, or the joint board provided for in section
30 241, after a public hearing in relation thereto, at
31 which parties in interest and citizens shall have an
32 opportunity to be heard. At least 15 days' notice of
33 the hearing shall be published in an official paper,
34 or a paper newspaper of general circulation, in
35 the political subdivision or subdivisions in which the
36 airport is located.

37 Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1651 is amended to read:

38 §1651. Description of marks filed

1 All persons or corporations engaged in the sale of
2 kerosene, refined petroleum, gasoline or other burning
3 or illuminating oils or fluids, in cans of a capacity
4 of not less than 5 gallons, with their names or other
5 marks or devices branded, stamped, engraved, etched,
6 impressed or otherwise produced upon such cans or
7 anything connected therewith or appertaining thereto,
8 may file in the office of the town or city clerk, in
9 which their principal place of business is situated, a
10 description of the names and marks used by them, and
11 cause the same to be published once a week for 3
12 successive weeks in any newspaper published of
13 general circulation in the county in which said the
14 notice may have been filed.

15 Sec. 6. 13 MRSa §41 is amended to read:

16 §41. First meeting

17 The first meeting of any corporation chartered by
18 special act of the Legislature, unless otherwise
19 provided, shall be called by a notice signed by some
20 person named in the act of incorporation, setting
21 forth the time, place and purpose of the meeting, a
22 copy of which shall be delivered to each member or
23 published in a newspaper of general circulation in the
24 county, if any, otherwise in the state paper, 7
25 days before the meeting.

26 Sec. 7. 13 MRSa §2692 is amended to read:

27 §2692. Notice

28 If the lands lie in one or more incorporated
29 towns, a notice in writing shall be posted in some
30 public place in each, and published in the state
31 paper, and in one of the newspapers printed of
32 general circulation in the county where any part of
33 them lies, 14 days before the meeting; but if not,
34 in the state paper, and in one other newspaper, if
35 any, in the county where any part of them lies, 4
36 weeks successively next before the meeting; or the
37 meeting may be warned by posting written notifications
38 in some public place in each town where any proprietor

1 resides, 14 days before the time appointed therefor.

2 Sec. 8. 14 MRSA §712 is amended to read:

3 §712. Service in actions for breach of duty of
4 officer where principal out of State

5 In actions against sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and
6 constables for breach of official duty where the
7 principal defendant is out of the State, service may
8 be made on such defendant by delivering a copy of the
9 summons and of the complaint to each of the sureties
10 on his official bond 14 days before the return day
11 thereof, and the Superior Court may order further
12 notice to the defendant by publication of an abstract
13 of the complaint and order thereon in ~~some newspaper~~
14 published a newspaper of general circulation in the
15 county where the complaint is returnable, or in the
16 state paper or in such other manner as the court
17 directs. If the order is complied with and proved, the
18 defendant shall answer to the action and judgment in
19 such case has the same effect as if personal service
20 was made upon the principal defendant.

21 Sec. 9. 14 MRSA §2202 is amended to read:

22 §2202. Notice of sale

23 The officer in such case shall give written notice
24 of the time and place of sale to the debtor in person
25 or by leaving the same at his last and usual place of
26 abode, if known to be an inhabitant of the State, and
27 cause it to be posted in a public place in the town
28 where the land lies and in 2 adjoining towns, if so
29 many adjoin; and if the land is situated in 2 or more
30 towns, then in each of those towns and in 2 towns
31 adjoining each of them; and if the land is in 2 or
32 more counties and is contiguous, an officer in either
33 county may take or seize on execution all the right of
34 the debtor in such land, give, post and cause the
35 notices to be published as required, and sell the
36 whole right. When the land is not within any town, the
37 notice shall be posted in 2 public places of the shire
38 town of the county in which the land lies, instead of
39 the posting aforesaid. When the debtor is not a

1 resident of such county, the personal notice may be
2 forwarded to him by mail, postage paid; all to be done
3 30 days before the day of sale. The notice shall be
4 published for 3 weeks successively before the day of
5 sale in a newspaper printed in whole or in part of
6 general circulation in such county, if any,
7 ~~otherwise-in-the-state-paper.~~

8 Sec. 10. 14 MRSA §4851 is amended to read:

9 §4851. Notice of sale

10 When judgment is recovered against a bridge, canal
11 or other incorporated company with power to receive
12 toll, its franchise may be sold on execution at public
13 auction by giving notice of the time and place of sale
14 by posting a notification in any town in which the
15 treasurer, clerk or any officer thereof, if there are
16 any officers, and if not, where any stockholder
17 resides, for 30 days at least before the day of sale,
18 and by causing an advertisement, naming the creditor
19 thereon, to be inserted for 3 weeks successively in a
20 newspaper printed of general circulation in a
21 county where either of said officers, or, if the
22 company is without officers, where any stockholder
23 resides, the last publication being at least 4 days
24 before the day of sale; and if there is no newspaper
25 ~~printed-in-any-such-county,-then-in-the-state-paper.~~

26 Sec. 11. 14 MRSA §4905 is amended to read:

27 §4905. Notice of sale

28 In selling such shares or interest, the officer
29 holding the execution shall give notice in writing of
30 the time and place of sale to the debtor, by leaving
31 it at his last and usual place of abode if within the
32 county where the officer dwells, otherwise by
33 forwarding it to him by mail if his residence is known
34 to such officer, postage paid, whether within or
35 without the State and public notice thereof by posting
36 it in one or more public places in the town where the
37 sale is to be made and in 2 adjoining towns, if there
38 are so many, 30 days at least before the day of sale;
39 and shall publish an advertisement of the same import,

1 naming the judgment debtor, for 3 weeks successively
2 before the day of sale in some a newspaper
3 printed of general circulation in the county, if
4 any; ~~if not, in the state paper.~~

5 Sec. 12. 14 MRSA §4952 is amended to read:

6 §4952. Notice and incidents of sale

7 The officer shall advertise in the state paper and
8 in one of the newspapers printed a newspaper of
9 general circulation in the county where the lands lie,
10 if any, for 3 weeks successively, the names of such
11 proprietors as are known to him, of the lands which he
12 proposes to sell, with the amount of the execution or
13 warrant of distress. Where the names of the
14 proprietors are not known, he shall publish the
15 numbers of the lots or divisions of said land and the
16 last publication shall be 3 months before the time
17 appointed for the sale. If necessary to complete the
18 sale, he may adjourn it from day to day not exceeding
19 3 days. He shall give a deed to the purchaser of said
20 land in fee, expressing therein the cause of sale. The
21 proprietor of the land so sold may redeem it within a
22 year after the sale by paying the sum for which it was
23 sold, the necessary charges and interest thereon.

24 Sec. 13. 14 MRSA §6203, sub-§1, as amended by
25 PL 1973, c. 625, §84, is further amended to read:

26 1. Public notice. He may give public notice in a
27 newspaper, as defined, having its principal place of
28 business of general circulation in the county where
29 the premises are situated, if any, or if not, in a
30 newspaper, as defined, having its principal place of
31 business of general circulation in an adjoining
32 county, if any, or if not, in the state paper, 3
33 weeks successively, of his claim by mortgage on such
34 real estate, describing the premises intelligibly and
35 naming the date of the mortgage and that the condition
36 in it is broken, by reason whereof he claims a
37 foreclosure; and cause a copy of such printed notice,
38 and the name and date of the newspaper in which it was
39 last published, to be recorded in each registry in
40 which the mortgage deed is or by law ought to be

1 recorded, within 30 days after such last publication.
2 All foreclosures of real estate mortgages between
3 September 3, 1965 and February 8, 1966 and otherwise
4 valid, except that public notice was given in a
5 newspaper published and printed in whole or in part in
6 the county where the premises are located rather than
7 in a newspaper having its principal place of business
8 in the county where the premises are located, are
9 validated. For the purpose of this section a newspaper
10 shall be defined as one printed in the English
11 language and entered as second-class postal matter in
12 the United States mails.

13 Sec. 14. 14 MRSA §6203-A, first ¶, as enacted
14 by PL 1967, c. 424, §2, is amended to read:

15 §6203-A. Power of sale; procedure; notice; form

16 Any mortgagee of real estate of a corporation
17 having a mortgage containing a power of sale, or his
18 assignee, or a person authorized by the power of sale,
19 or the attorney duly authorized by a writing under
20 seal, or the person acting in the name of such
21 mortgagee or person, may, upon breach of condition and
22 without action, do all the acts authorized or required
23 by the power; but no sale under such power shall be
24 effectual to foreclose a mortgage unless, previous to
25 such sale, notice thereof has been published once in
26 each of 3 successive weeks, the first publication to
27 be not less than 21 days before the day of the
28 sale, in a newspaper, if any, published of
29 general circulation in the town where the land lies.
30 If no newspaper is published in such town, notice may
31 be published in a newspaper published in the county
32 where the land lies, and this This provision shall be
33 implied in every power of sale mortgage in which it is
34 not expressly set forth. A newspaper which by its
35 title page purports to be printed or published in such
36 town, city or county, and having circulation therein,
37 shall be sufficient for the purpose. A copy of said
38 notice shall be served on the mortgagor or its
39 representative in interest, or may be sent by
40 registered mail addressed to it or such representative
41 at its last known address, or to such person and to
42 such address as may be agreed upon in

1 said mortgage, at least 21 days before the date of the
2 sale under the power in the mortgage.

3 Sec. 15. 14 MRSA §6308 is amended to read:

4 §6308. Notice by publication

5 When an amount due on a mortgage has been paid or
6 tendered to the mortgagee or person claiming under him
7 before foreclosure of the mortgage, and the mortgagee
8 or his assignee is out of the State and the mortgage
9 is undischarged on the record, the mortgagor or person
10 claiming under him may maintain a civil action for the
11 redemption of the mortgaged premises, as provided in
12 section 6304, or for the discharge of the mortgage. On
13 notice of the pendency of the action, given by
14 publication in some newspaper a newspaper of
15 general circulation in the county where said premises
16 are situated for 3 weeks successively, the last
17 publication being 30 days before the time of hearing,
18 or in such other way as the Superior Court orders,
19 said court may decree a discharge of such mortgage.
20 The record of such decree in the registry of deeds
21 where said mortgage is recorded is evidence of such
22 discharge.

23 Sec. 16. 15 MRSA §2161, as amended by PL 1975,
24 c. 771, §158, is further amended to read:

25 §2161. Notice to district attorney and Attorney
26 General of all petitions for pardon or
27 commutation

28 On all petitions to the Governor for pardon or
29 commutation of sentences, written notice thereof shall
30 be given to the Attorney General and the district
31 attorney for the county where the case was tried at
32 least 4 weeks before the time of the hearing thereon,
33 and 4 weeks' notice in some a newspaper having
34 its principal place of business of general
35 circulation in said county. If the crime for which
36 said pardon is asked or for which commutation of
37 sentence is sought is punishable by imprisonment in
38 the State Prison, the Attorney General or the district
39 attorney for the county where the case was tried

1 shall, upon the request of the Governor, attend the
2 meeting of the Governor or the Parole Board at which
3 the petition is to be heard and the Governor shall
4 allow said district attorney his necessary expenses
5 for such attendance and a reasonable compensation for
6 said district attorney's services to be paid from the
7 State Treasury out of the appropriation for costs in
8 criminal prosecutions. The Governor may require the
9 judge and prosecuting officer who tried the case to
10 furnish him or the Parole Board a concise statement
11 thereof as proved at the trial and any other facts
12 bearing on the propriety of granting pardon or
13 commutation.

14 Sec. 17. 30 MRSa §3305 is amended to read:

15 §3305. Notice of meeting

16 Notice of said the meeting shall be served at
17 least 14 days previous to the time appointed therefor,
18 when all the proprietors reside in the town where the
19 land lies, by reading the warrant to each proprietor,
20 or giving him a copy in hand, or by leaving a copy at
21 his usual place of abode. In case one or more of the
22 proprietors reside without the town or plantation,
23 notice of such the meeting shall be given them by
24 publishing a copy of such the warrant in some
25 newspaper printed of general circulation in the
26 county or in the state paper 3 weeks successively, the
27 last publication to be at least 14 days before the
28 time appointed for said the meeting.

29 Sec. 18. 30 MRSa §4002, as amended by PL 1975,
30 c. 431, §13, is further amended to read:

31 §4002. Proceedings by municipal officers

32 Whenever the municipal officers of such
33 municipality are directed to take land as provided in
34 section 4001, they shall, within 10 days, give written
35 notice of their intention to take such land,
36 describing the same and the time and place of hearing,
37 by posting the same in 2 public places in the
38 municipality where the land lies and in the vicinity
39 thereof, and by publishing the same in a newspaper

1 printed of general circulation in such
2 municipality, 7 days before the day of such hearing,
3 if any, otherwise in a newspaper printed in the county
4 where the land lies, 3 weeks successively, the last
5 publication to be 7 days before such hearing. The
6 municipal officers shall meet at the time and place
7 specified in the notice, view the land to be taken,
8 hear all parties interested and if they decide that
9 the land is suitable for the purpose, they shall take
10 the same and estimate the damages to be paid to each
11 owner, so far as known, in the same manner as provided
12 by statute for land taken for highway purposes under
13 Title 23, chapter 3, and make return of their doings
14 in writing, signed by a majority of them, which return
15 shall describe by metes and bounds the land so taken
16 and state the purpose for which it is taken, the names
17 of the owners so far as known, and the amount of
18 damages awarded to each. The return shall be filed
19 and recorded in the clerk's office of such
20 municipality and a copy thereof, certified by such
21 clerk, shall be recorded in the registry of deeds for
22 said county.

23 Sec. 19. 30 MRSA §4154, as amended by PL 1981,
24 c. 456, Pt. A, §104, is further amended to read:

25 §4154. Proceedings by committee; record

26 The members of the committee mentioned in section
27 4153, before acting, shall be sworn before a notary
28 public, and a certificate thereof shall be indorsed on
29 the warrant. They shall give notice of their
30 appointment, and of the time and place of their
31 meeting to execute it, by publishing it in some a
32 newspaper of general circulation in the State, to be
33 designated by the court, and by posting written
34 notification in 2 or more public places in the same
35 plantation or town, if so ordered by the court, at
36 least 30 days next prior to their meeting. They shall
37 make return of said warrant and their doings thereon,
38 under their hands, to the next Superior Court in the
39 county after having completed service; which, being
40 accepted by the court and recorded in the registry of
41 deeds in the county or registry district where the
42 land is situated, within 6 months, shall be a legal

1 assignment and location of such public reserved lot or
2 lots.

3 **Sec. 20. 30 MRSA §4160** is amended to read:

4 §4160. Notice of appointment and meeting

5 The members of the committee shall give notice of
6 their appointment and of the time and place of their
7 meeting to execute the same, by publishing the same
8 in some a newspaper of general circulation in the
9 State to be designated by the court, and by posting
10 written notifications in 2 or more public places in
11 the same town, at least 30 days before making such
12 location.

13 **Sec. 21. 30 MRSA §4451, sub-§1**, as amended by
14 PL 1987, c. 23, is further amended to read:

15 1. Estimate and assessment of costs; notice.

16 When any town or sewer district has constructed and
17 completed a public drain or common sewer, the
18 municipal officers or sewer district trustees shall
19 determine what lots or parcels of land are benefited
20 by the drain or sewer, and shall estimate and assess
21 upon the lots and parcels of land and against the
22 owner thereof or person in possession, or against whom
23 the taxes thereon are assessed, whether the person to
24 whom the assessment is so made shall be the owner,
25 tenant, lessee or agent and whether the same is
26 occupied or not, the sum not exceeding the benefit
27 they may deem just and equitable towards defraying the
28 expenses of constructing and completing the drain or
29 sewer, together with any sewage disposal units and
30 appurtenances that may be necessary, and in operation
31 after May 31, 1979, the whole of the assessments not
32 to exceed 1/2 the cost of the drain or sewer and
33 sewage disposal units, and the drain or sewer shall
34 forever thereafter be maintained and kept in repair by
35 the town or sewer district. The municipal officers or
36 sewer district trustees shall file with the clerk of
37 the town the location of the drain or sewer and sewage
38 disposal unit, with a profile description of the same,
39 and a statement of the amount assessed upon each lot
40 or parcel of land so assessed, and the name of the

1 owner of the lots or parcels of land or persons
2 against whom the assessment is made, and the clerk of
3 the town and the sewer district trustees shall record
4 the assessment in a book kept for that purpose, and
5 within 10 days after filing notice each person so
6 assessed shall be notified of the assessment by having
7 an authentic copy of the assessment, with an order of
8 notice signed by the clerk of the town or the chairman
9 of the sewer district trustees stating the time and
10 place for a hearing upon the subject matter of the
11 assessments, given to each person so assessed or left
12 at his usual place of abode in the town. If he has no
13 place of abode in the town, then the notice shall be
14 given or left at the abode of his tenant or lessee, if
15 he has one in the town; if he has no tenant or lessee
16 in the town, then by posting the notice in some
17 conspicuous place in the vicinity of the lot or parcel
18 of land so assessed, at least 30 days before the
19 hearing; or the notice may be given by publishing it 3
20 weeks successively in any newspaper published of
21 general circulation in the town, the first publication
22 to be at least 30 days before the hearing. A return
23 made upon a copy of the notice by any constable in the
24 town or the production of the paper containing the
25 notice shall be conclusive evidence that the notice
26 was given, and upon the hearing the municipal officers
27 or sewer district trustees shall have power to revise,
28 increase or diminish any of the assessments, and any
29 revisions, increase or diminution shall be in writing
30 and recorded by the clerk and the sewer district
31 trustees.

32 A. For the purposes of this section only, sewer
33 district means a quasi-municipal corporation, as
34 defined in section 5053, established to construct
35 and operate sewerage systems to assist in the
36 abatement of the pollution of public streams,
37 lakes and inland and ocean waters.

38 Sec. 22. 30 MRSA §5309, 2nd ¶ is amended to
39 read:

40 The Attorney General shall appear for and on
41 behalf of the petitioner in such proceedings and the
42 expense thereof shall be paid from any funds in the

1 hands of said commissioner or commissioners in charge
2 of the affairs of said municipality. The court may
3 fix a time within which all persons, firms or
4 corporations holding claims or demands against the
5 inhabitants of such municipality shall file their
6 claim or demand for adjudication of its validity as an
7 obligation of said municipality. The court shall
8 order public notice to creditors of the inhabitants of
9 the municipality to file their claims within the time
10 specified, by publication in a newspaper published
11 or printed of general circulation in the county in
12 which said municipality is located, and if no
13 newspaper is published or printed in said county, then
14 in the state paper, for at least 3 successive weeks,
15 the last publication to be at least 30 days before the
16 final date set by the court for filing claims against
17 the inhabitants of said municipality, and the court
18 may order such additional notice to be given as in its
19 discretion may be proper and necessary.

20 Sec. 23. 36 MRSA §1281, as amended by PL 1981,
21 c. 706, §§13 and 14, is further amended to read:

22 §1281. Payment of taxes; delinquent taxes;
23 publication; certificate filed in registry

24 Taxes on real estate mentioned in section 1602,
25 including supplementary taxes assessed under section
26 1331, shall be delinquent on the first day of February
27 next following the date of assessment. Annually, on
28 or before February 20th, the State Tax Assessor shall
29 send by mail to the last known address of each owner
30 of such real estate upon which taxes remain unpaid a
31 notice in writing, containing a description of the
32 real estate assessed, the amount of unpaid taxes and
33 interest, and alleging that a lien is claimed on that
34 real estate for payment of those taxes, interests and
35 costs, with a demand that payment be made by the next
36 March 1st. In case the owners of any such real estate
37 are unknown, instead of sending the notices by mail,
38 he shall cause the information required in this
39 section on such real estate to be advertised in the
40 state paper and in some newspaper, if any,
41 published of general circulation in the county in
42 which the real estate lies. Such a statement or

1 advertisement shall be sufficient legal notice of
2 delinquent taxes. If those taxes and interest to date
3 of payment and costs are not paid by March 1st, the
4 State Tax Assessor shall record by March 15th, in the
5 registry of deeds of the county or registry district
6 where the real estate lies, a certificate signed by
7 him, setting forth the name or names of the owners
8 according to the last state valuation, or the
9 valuation established in accordance with section 1331;
10 the description of the real estate assessed as
11 contained in the last state valuation, or the
12 valuation established in accordance with section 1331;
13 the amount of unpaid taxes and interest; the amount of
14 costs; and a statement that demand for payment of
15 those taxes has been made, and that those taxes,
16 interest and costs remain unpaid. The costs to be
17 charged by the register of deeds for such filing shall
18 not exceed \$5.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

20 The purpose of this bill is to make corrective
21 changes in the laws relating to the publication of
22 legal notices in newspapers. It is intended to ensure
23 consistency in the way that these laws describe the
24 newspaper in which required publication is to occur.
25 Presently, there exist various descriptions of
26 newspapers in which such publication is required.
27 Some of these descriptions are vague, merely requiring
28 publication of notices in "some newspaper published" in
29 a county or town. Other descriptions are overly
30 explicit, requiring publication of notices in a
31 newspaper printed or published in a locality. These
32 varying requirements do not ensure that publication of
33 notices reach their target audiences, which is the
34 purpose of publication. This bill establishes a
35 consistent standard for publication of these notices
36 by requiring that publication of legal notices occurs
37 in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality
38 where the target audience resides.

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