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	House of Representatives, February 22, 2001
An Act to Allow Municip Newspapers.	palities to Advertise Legal Notices in Weekly

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

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

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Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3013 is enacted to read:
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6	§3013. Publication policy
•	Notwithstanding Title 1, section 601, municipal legal
8	notices may be published in a newspaper media distributed as 3rd class postal matter in the United States mails, rather than a
10	newspaper of general circulation, as long as the municipal officers have adopted a publication policy regarding legal
12	notices that meets the following requirements.
14	1. General circulation. The newspaper of general circulation must have a subscription rate of less than 25% of the
16	residents in the municipality.
18	2. Distribution. The alternative newspaper media must be distributed to all households in the municipality.
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	3. Cost. The alternative newspaper media is distributed at
22	no greater cost to the consumer than the newspaper of general circulation.
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26	SUMMARY
28	This bill allows municipalities to publish legal notices in a newspaper media distributed by 3rd class mail as long as the
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	municipal officers adopt a publication policy. The policy must meet 3 requirements. The newspaper of general circulation must
32	have a subscription rate of less than 25% of the residents in the municipality, all households in the municipality must receive the
34	alternative newspaper and the alternative newspaper must cost less than the newspaper of general circulation.