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History and Final Disposition

LD 422 / HP0255

An Act to Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Provide Public Notice in Newspapers. Presented by Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. Public Hearing 03/02/23. Final Disposition: Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report 04/27/23.

Original Bill

[LD 422 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf131-LD-0422.pdf)

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(SLG\) \(03/02/2023\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(SLG\) \(03/09/2023\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-50\) \(LD 422 2023\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, February 2, 2023 \(H-81-92\)](#)

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[SENATE, February 2, 2023 \(S-100-118\)](#)

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[HOUSE, April 25, 2023 \(H-356-372\)](#)

p. H-366 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p367)) (Amendment(s) H-50)

[SENATE, April 27, 2023 \(S-538-566\)](#)

p. S-554 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p556)) (Amendment(s) H-50)

News Articles

Local lawmaker co-sponsors bill targeting public notices (Daniel Dunkle) (Courier-Gazette, 3/6/2023, p. A1, A11) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0422/Courier Gazette 230302A.pdf)

Public notices keep taxpayers informed and save communities money (Editorial) (Courier-Gazette, 3/6/2023, p. A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0422/Courier Gazette 230302D.pdf)

Push to stop printing public notices is flawed (Editorial) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 3/13/2023, p. D2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0422/MST 230312E.pdf)

Response to editorial (Bill Pluecker) (Courier-Gazette, 3/15/2023, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0422/Courier Gazette 230309C.pdf)

Pluecker sidesteps real issues in public notice discussion (Daniel Dunkle) (Courier-Gazette, 3/15/2023, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0422/Courier Gazette 230309D.pdf)

Newspapers, and public notices they publish, are vital to democracy (Tracy Scheckel) (Bangor Daily News, 3/20/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0422/BDN 230318E.pdf)

Rethinking newspaper legal notices isn't a conservative plot (Michael Cianchette) (Bangor Daily News, 3/27/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0422/BDN 230325E.pdf)

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