

SENATE BILL NO. 179

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 43:111(E), relative to state advertisements; to provide for a statewide website; to require electronic publication of statutorily required notices; to provide for the archiving of electronically published notices; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 43:111(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§111. Advertising; when prohibited and when authorized

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E. Whenever notice by print publication is required under applicable state law, the newspaper or statutorily-eligible publication under Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of Title 43 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 that is publishing such notice shall, at no additional cost to government, place the notice on a website established and maintained as a statewide joint venture of a majority of Louisiana newspapers as a repository for such notices, subject to the following provisions:

(1) The newspaper or publication shall post the notice contemporaneously with the notice's first print publication. The notice shall remain archived on the statewide website for not less than one year. Any newspaper or publication subject to the requirements of this Subsection shall have access to the statewide website at no charge.

(2) Any notice posted online as required by this Subsection shall be posted and archived in its entirety, including maps and other exhibits, and shall include the publication date.

1 (3) Any error in a notice placed on a website pursuant to this Subsection,
 2 or any temporary website outage or service interruption prohibiting the posting
 3 or display of such notice, shall be considered harmless error and proper legal
 4 notice requirements shall be considered met if the printed notice published in
 5 the newspaper or statutorily-eligible publication is correct.

6 (4) Every newspaper or publication that publishes public notices shall
 7 include on its website homepage, if available, a link to its public notice section
 8 and shall include on its public notice homepage a link to the statewide public
 9 notice website described herein.

10 (5) All notices published on a website pursuant to this Subsection shall
 11 be accessible to the public at no charge.

12 (6) Nothing in this Subsection shall be construed as changing any
 13 requirement in Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of Title 43 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes
 14 of 1950.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____