



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Sen. Scheffel**Bill Status:** House Local Government**Fiscal Analyst:** Harry Zeid (303-866-4753)

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A NEWSPAPER IN WHICH A LEGAL NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT IS PRINTED.**Summary of Legislation**

Every legal notice or advertisement that is required by law to be published in a newspaper must be carried in a newspaper that meets the requisites of a legal newspaper, as provided by statute. This bill creates a definition for the term "published" to mean that a newspaper maintains an office in the county to gather news, sell advertising, or conduct the general business of newspaper publications. In circumstances where there is no newspaper published in a particular county or an adjoining county, the bill provides that a legal notice may be published in a newspaper having general circulation within the county.

The bill takes effect August 8, 2012, assuming the General Assembly adjourns May 9, 2012, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**Assessment**

The bill is assessed as no fiscal impact. State and local revenue and expenditures are unaffected by the bill. The publication requirement for a legal notice remains unchanged. The bill merely provides an additional option for publication of a required legal notice in cases where no newspaper is otherwise available in a county or an adjoining county.

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