



**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Sen. Scheffel**Bill Status:** Signed into Law**Fiscal Analyst:** Harry Zeid (303-866-4753)

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 was signed into law by the Governor on April 6, 2012, and takes effect August 8, 2012, assuming 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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Local Affairs