



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 124**

**SENATE BILL NO. 461**

**By Yager, Massey, Bowling, Stevens, Gardenhire, Overbey**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1001

By Haynes, Lamberth, Swann, Ramsey, Watson, Matlock, Dean, Harrison, Travis, Curtis Johnson, Eldridge, Pitts, Lynn, Sexton, Sanderson, Carter, Sparks, Calfee, Littleton, Goins, Dunn, Harry Brooks, Armstrong, Kevin Brooks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3; Title 30, Chapter 2 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to public notices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

1-3-120.

(a) Beginning April 1, 2014, in all cases where a public notice or legal notice is required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, the newspaper shall for the same price post the complete notice:

(1) On the newspaper's website, where it shall be published contemporaneously with the notice's first print publication and will remain on the website for at least as long as the notice appears in the newspaper; and

(2) On a statewide website established and maintained as a joint venture of the majority of Tennessee newspapers as a repository for such notices and will remain on the repository website for at least as long as it appears in the newspaper. Any newspaper of general circulation that meets the criteria of this subsection shall have access to the statewide website at no charge.

(b) Any such notice shall be published online in its entirety, including maps and other exhibits, and shall include the date on which it was first printed in the newspaper.

(c) An error in a notice placed on the newspaper website or statewide website, or temporary website outages or service interruptions prohibiting the posting or display of such notice, shall be considered harmless error and proper legal notice requirements shall be considered met if the notice published in the newspaper is correct.

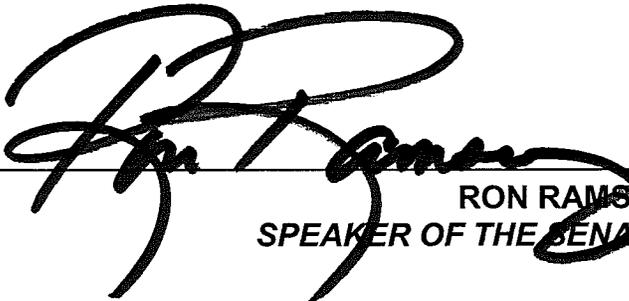
(d) Each newspaper of general circulation publishing public notices shall include on its website home page a link to its public notice section and shall include on its public notice home page a link to the statewide public notice website.

(e) Any notice published on a website pursuant to subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(2) shall be accessible to the public at no charge.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

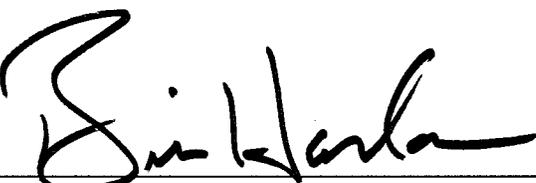
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PASSED: March 25, 2013

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR