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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLICATION OF
10 NOTICE; TO ALLOW THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE ON A
11 WEBSITE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COUNTIES AND
12 MUNICIPALITIES AND PUBLICATION; TO AMEND THE LAW
13 CONCERNING ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 OF NOTICE; TO ALLOW THE PUBLICATION OF
19 NOTICE ON A WEBSITE; TO AMEND THE LAW
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21 AND PUBLICATION; AND TO AMEND THE LAW
22 CONCERNING ELECTIONS.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-38-405 is amended to read as follows:

28 2-38-405. Notice of impounding.

29 When an animal found running at large along or on any public highway is
30 delivered to the enclosure provided by the county court, the sheriff shall
31 give notice of the impounding of the animal by causing a description of the
32 animal to be ~~inserted in some newspaper of general circulation in the county~~
33 at least once a week published on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 for
34 three (3) weeks. In addition to a description of the animal, the published
35 notice shall also state the place where the animal was found running at large
36 and the date and time of its being taken up.



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-3-312(c), concerning notice after seizure
3 of alcoholic beverages, is amended to read as follows:

4 (c) The mayor or the county judge, as the case may be, shall cause a
5 notice to be published. This shall be done within three (3) days after being
6 authorized by the court to sell the seized intoxicating liquors. The notice
7 shall be published ~~in a newspaper having a countywide circulation and shall~~
8 ~~appear in the newspaper twice within a thirty day period, fifteen (15) days~~
9 ~~apart~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 for thirty (30) days. The notice
10 shall contain a list of the beverages authorized to be sold by the court, the
11 approximate retail value thereof, the person, if known, from whom taken, the
12 place where seized, and the advice that the beverages will be sold by the
13 mayor or the county judge, as the case may be, at the expiration of thirty
14 (30) days from the first published notice.

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16 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 3-9-206(b)(2), concerning notice of
17 referendum election, is amended to read as follows:

18 (2) The order of the quorum court shall fix the date of the election
19 not more than ninety (90) days from the date of the order and give notice
20 ~~thereof by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or~~
21 ~~county by at least two (2) insertions, the last being not less than ten (10)~~
22 ~~days prior to~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 for two (2) weeks before
23 the election.

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25 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-5-101(e), concerning notice of sale of
26 seized property, is amended to read as follows:

27 (e) The time and place of sale of seized property shall be advertised:

28 (1) For at least fourteen (14) days next before the day of sale
29 by posting written notice at the courthouse door; and

30 (2) By publication ~~in the form of at least two (2) insertions,~~
31 at least three (3) days ~~apart,~~ before the day of sale ~~in a weekly or daily~~
32 ~~newspaper published or customarily distributed in the county~~ on a website as
33 defined in § 25-1-126.

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35 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 5-5-304(d)(1), concerning notice of sale of
36 forfeited property, is amended to read as follows:

1 (d)(1) If a law enforcement agency desires to sell property forfeited
 2 to it ~~pursuant to~~ under § 5-5-302, the law enforcement agency shall first
 3 cause notice of the sale to be made by publication ~~at least two (2) times a~~
 4 ~~week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having general circulation~~
 5 ~~in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 and sending a copy of the
 6 notice of the sale by certified mail, return receipt requested, to any person
 7 having ownership of or a security interest in the property or in the manner
 8 provided in Rule 4 of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure, if:

9 (A) The property is of a type for which title or
 10 registration is required by law;

11 (B) The owner of the property is known in fact to the law
 12 enforcement agency at the time of seizure; or

13 (C) The property is subject to a security interest
 14 perfected in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code, § 4-1-101 et seq.

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 16 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 5-62-106(a)(3), concerning notice of
 17 seizure of an animal, is amended to read as follows:

18 (3) If the owner of the animal cannot be determined, a written
 19 notice regarding the seizure of the animal shall be conspicuously posted
 20 where the animal is seized at the time the seizure occurs if practicable and
 21 a notice shall be published ~~in a local newspaper of general circulation in~~
 22 ~~the jurisdiction where the animal was seized at least two (2) times each week~~
 23 on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 for two (2) consecutive weeks, with the
 24 first notice published within three (3) days of the seizure, and no less than
 25 at least five (5) days before a hearing conducted under this section.

26
 27 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 5-65-117(b)(1), concerning notice of
 28 seizures and sales of motor vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

29 (b)(1) The county sheriff shall advertise the motor vehicle or
 30 motorboat for sale for a period of two (2) weeks prior to the date of sale ~~by~~
 31 ~~at least one (1) insertion per week in a newspaper having a bona fide~~
 32 ~~circulation in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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 34 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 5-73-130(m)(1), concerning notice of sale
 35 of forfeited motor vehicle, is amended to read as follows:

36 (m)(1) If a law enforcement agency desires to sell a forfeited motor

1 vehicle, the law enforcement agency shall first cause notice of the sale to
 2 be made by publication ~~at least two (2) times a week~~ for two (2) consecutive
 3 weeks ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the county~~ on a website as
 4 defined in § 25-1-126 and by sending a copy of the notice of the sale by
 5 certified mail, return receipt requested, to each person having ownership of
 6 or a security interest in the property or in the manner provided in Rule 4 of
 7 the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure if:

8 (A) The property is of a type for which title or
 9 registration is required by law;

10 (B) The owner of the property is known in fact to the law
 11 enforcement agency at the time of seizure; or

12 (C) The property is subject to a security interest
 13 perfected in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code, § 4-1-101 et seq.

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 15 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 7-5-101(e)(2)(C), concerning the
 16 establishment and alteration of precinct boundaries, polling sites, and vote
 17 centers, is amended to read as follows:

18 (C) Notice of a change made to a vote center location
 19 shall be posted at the vote center location used in the last election, and
 20 except for school elections and special elections, the notice shall be
 21 published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ on a website as
 22 defined in § 25-1-126 at least fifteen (15) days before the election.

23
 24 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 7-5-202(a)(1), concerning public notice of
 25 elections, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a)(1) It shall be the duty of the county board of election
 27 commissioners at least eight (8) days before the beginning of early voting
 28 for a preferential primary, general primary, general election, general
 29 runoff, school, or special election to give public notice ~~in a newspaper of~~
 30 general circulation in the county by publication on a website as defined in §
 31 25-1-126 of:

32 (A) The date of the election;

33 (B) The hours of voting on election day;

34 (C) The places and times for early voting;

35 (D) Polling sites for holding the elections in the county;

36 (E) The candidates and offices to be elected at that time;

1 (F) The time and location of the opening, processing,
 2 canvassing, and counting of ballots;

3 (G) The location where lists of appointed election
 4 officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct
 5 early voting can be found and the dates the lists are available; and

6 (H) Directions for filing a written objection to the
 7 service of an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy.

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 9 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 7-5-202(b)(1), concerning public notice of
 10 elections, is amended to read as follows:

11 (b)(1) At least five (5) days before a preferential primary, general
 12 primary, general election, general runoff, school election, or special
 13 election, a copy of the public notice may be posted at each polling site
 14 fixed for holding the election and shall be published ~~in a newspaper of~~
 15 ~~general circulation in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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 17 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 7-5-207(c)(2), concerning ballots, names
 18 included on ballots, and the draw for ballot position, is amended to read as
 19 follows:

20 (2) Notice of the public meeting shall be ~~given by publication~~
 21 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ published on a website as
 22 defined in § 25-1-126 at least three (3) days before the drawing.

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 24 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 7-5-509(a)(2), concerning voting machines
 25 used for demonstration, is amended to read as follows:

26 (2) Public notice of the times and places where voting machines
 27 will be exhibited shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours before the
 28 first date of demonstration by publication ~~one (1) time in one (1) or more~~
 29 ~~daily or weekly newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the~~
 30 ~~machines if a newspaper is published in the town, city, or county~~ on a
 31 website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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 33 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 7-5-515(c)(2)(A), concerning the
 34 preparation of voting machines for an election, including logic and accuracy
 35 testing and public testing, is amended to read as follows:

36 (A) The county board of election commissioners shall give

1 public notice of the time and place of the test at least forty-eight (48)
 2 hours prior to the public test by publication ~~one (1) time in one (1) or more~~
 3 ~~daily or weekly newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the~~
 4 ~~machines if a newspaper is published in the town, city, or county~~ on a
 5 website as defined in § 25-1-126;
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7 SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 7-5-516 is amended to read as follows:

8 7-5-516. Notice to candidates of preparation – Rules and statutes
 9 unaffected.

10 Before the county board of election commissioners begins the
 11 preparation of the machines for any election, it shall publish a notice ~~in a~~
 12 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ on a website as defined in §
 13 25-1-126 stating:

14 (1) The time and place the machines will be prepared for the
 15 election; and

16 (2) A time at which one (1) representative of each candidate may
 17 inspect to see that the machines are in proper condition for use in the
 18 election.

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 20 SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 7-5-611(b)(1), concerning
 21 preparation of electronic vote tabulating devices, tests, and disposition of
 22 voting materials, is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) The county board of election commissioners shall provide
 24 public notice of the time and place of the public test at least forty-eight
 25 (48) hours prior thereto by publication ~~one (1) time in one (1) or more daily~~
 26 ~~or weekly newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the~~
 27 ~~devices, if a newspaper is published therein~~ on a website as defined in § 25-
 28 1-126;
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30 SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 7-7-305(b)(2), concerning printing of
 31 ballots, their form, and the draw for ballot position, is amended to read as
 32 follows:

33 (2) The county board of election commissioners shall give at
 34 least ten (10) days' written notice of the time and place of the meeting to
 35 the chairs of the county committees if the chairs are not members of the
 36 county board of election commissioners, and at least three (3) days before

1 the meeting, shall publish notice of the time and place of holding the
2 meeting ~~in some newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ on a website
3 as defined in § 25-1-126.
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5 SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 7-11-103(b), concerning filling vacancies
6 in state, federal, or district offices, is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The county board of election commissioners shall cause the
8 proclamation, ordinance, resolution, order, or other authorized document to
9 be published as soon as practicable ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in~~
10 ~~the county in which the special election is held~~ on a website as defined in §
11 25-1-126.
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13 SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 7-11-104(b), concerning filling vacancies
14 in local offices, is amended to read as follows:

15 (b) The county board of election commissioners shall cause the
16 proclamation, ordinance, resolution, order, or other authorized document to
17 be published as soon as practicable ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in~~
18 ~~the county in which the special election is held~~ on a website as defined in §
19 25-1-126.
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21 SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 7-11-202(b), concerning calling special
22 elections on state measures or questions, is amended to read as follows:

23 (b) The county board of election commissioners shall publish the
24 document as soon as practicable ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~
25 ~~county in which the special election is held~~ on a website as defined in § 25-
26 1-126.
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28 SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 7-11-203(b), concerning calling special
29 elections on local measures or questions, is amended to read as follows:

30 (b) The county board of election commissioners shall publish the
31 document as soon as practicable ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~
32 ~~county in which the special election is held~~ on a website as defined in § 25-
33 1-126.
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35 SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 8-5-606(b)(3), concerning notice of
36 privatization contracts, is amended to read as follows:

1 (3) The notice shall be published ~~in a newspaper having general~~
2 ~~circulation within the county in which a substantial portion of the~~
3 ~~wastewater project or solid waste disposal project is located by one (1)~~
4 ~~publication each week for a period of two (2) weeks. The first publication~~
5 ~~shall be not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the adoption of the~~
6 ~~ordinance approving the execution of the privatization contract on a website~~
7 ~~as defined in § 25-1-126.~~

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9 SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 8-5-607(b)(3), concerning notice of
10 service agreements, is amended to read as follows:

11 (3) The notice shall be published on a website as defined in §
12 25-1-126 ~~in a newspaper having general circulation within the county in which~~
13 ~~a substantial portion of the wastewater project or solid waste disposal~~
14 ~~project is located by one (1) publication each week for a period of two (2)~~
15 ~~weeks. The first publication shall be not less than fourteen (14) days prior~~
16 ~~to the adoption of the ordinance approving the execution of the service~~
17 ~~agreement.~~

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19 SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 8-6-414(b)(1), concerning notification to
20 motor vehicle owners and lienholders, is amended to read as follows:

21 (b)(1) If the identity of the last registered owner of the junk motor
22 vehicle cannot be determined, if the certificate of registration or
23 certificate of title ~~contains no~~ does not contain an address for the owner,
24 or if it is impossible to determine with reasonable certainty the identity
25 and addresses of all lienholders, then notice shall be published ~~in a~~
26 ~~newspaper of countywide circulation in the county wherein the junk motor~~
27 ~~vehicle was located at the time the enforcement agency took custody and~~
28 ~~possession of the junk motor vehicle on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.~~

29
30 SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 8-6-414(c), concerning notification to
31 motor vehicle owners and lienholders is amended to read as follows:

32 (c) The consequences and effect of failure to reclaim a junk motor
33 vehicle within the ten-day period after notice is received by registered or
34 certified mail or within ten (10) days after the notice is published ~~in a~~
35 ~~newspaper as prescribed shall be set forth in the notice on a website as~~
36 ~~defined in § 25-1-126.~~

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2 SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 8-7-1104(d)(3), concerning notice of
3 prospective purchase of a contaminated site, is amended to read as follows:

4 (3) The prospective purchaser shall provide notice of the
5 implementing agreement ~~in a newspaper of general circulation that serves the~~
6 ~~area in which the abandoned site is located~~ by publishing the implementing
7 agreement on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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9 SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 14-14-104 is amended to read as follows:
10 14-14-104. Publication requirements.

11 ~~(a) Unless otherwise specifically provided, when a county government~~
12 ~~is required to publish, publication shall be by a one-time insertion in a~~
13 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the county.~~

14 ~~(b) Where no newspaper of general circulation exists in a county,~~
15 ~~publication may be made by posting in three (3) public places which have been~~
16 ~~designated by ordinance~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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18 SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 14-14-405(b), concerning filing and
19 publishing of plan, is amended to read as follows:

20 (b) Within fifteen (15) days of the filing of an apportionment plan,
21 the clerk of the county court shall cause notice to be published ~~in a~~
22 ~~newspaper of general circulation~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 in the
23 county the district boundaries apportioned and the number of inhabitants
24 within them.

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26 SECTION 29. Arkansas Code § 14-14-406 is amended to read as follows:
27 14-14-406. Contest of apportionment.

28 Original jurisdiction of any suit to contest the apportionment made for
29 county quorum court districts by a county board of election commissioners is
30 vested in the circuit court of the affected county. Any such contest shall be
31 filed with the circuit court within thirty (30) days following the date of
32 ~~publication appears in a newspaper of general circulation~~ on a website as
33 defined in § 25-1-126.

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35 SECTION 30. Arkansas Code § 14-14-609(b)(1), concerning notice of
36 referendum or proposed plan, is amended to read as follows:

1 (b)(1) Any ordinance or initiative petition submitting an alternative
2 organization proposal to the voters shall be published ~~in a newspaper of~~
3 ~~general circulation within the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126
4 no later than the first day of filing for the preferential primary
5 immediately preceding the general election at which the alternative county
6 government proposal shall be decided.

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8 SECTION 31. Arkansas Code § 14-14-905(b)(2), concerning adoption and
9 amendment of ordinances generally, is amended to read as follows:

10 (2) Amendment to Existing Ordinances. No county ordinance shall
11 be revised or amended, or the provisions thereof extended or conferred, by
12 reference to its title only, but ~~so much thereof as is~~ the portion of the
13 ordinance that is being revised, amended, extended, or conferred shall be
14 reenacted and published ~~at length~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

15
16 SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 14-14-905(d)(1)(B), concerning adoption
17 and amendment of ordinances generally, is amended to read as follows:

18 (B) The ordinances or amendments shall then be published
19 by the county clerk ~~as prescribed by law~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-
20 126.

21
22 SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 14-14-917(c), concerning initiative and
23 referendum elections, is amended to read as follows:

24 (c) Notice of Election.

25 (1) Initiative Petitions. Upon certification of any initiative
26 or referendum petition measure submitted during the time limitations for a
27 regular election, the county clerk shall ~~give notice through publication by a~~
28 ~~two time insertion, at not less than a seven day interval, in a newspaper of~~
29 ~~general circulation in the county or as provided by law. Publication notice~~
30 ~~shall state~~ publish no later than five (5) days after certification, a notice
31 on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 stating that the measure will be
32 submitted to the electors for adoption or rejection at the next regular
33 election and shall include the full text, the ballot title, and the official
34 numeric designation of the measure.

35 (2) Referendum Petition. Upon certifying any referendum
36 petition prior to the time limitations of filing measures established for a

1 regular election, the county clerk shall ~~give notice through publication by a~~
 2 ~~one-time insertion in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or as~~
 3 ~~provided by law. Publication notice shall state~~ publish no later than five
 4 (5) days after certification, a notice on a website as defined in § 25-1-126
 5 stating that the measure will be submitted to the electors for adoption or
 6 rejection at the next regular election or a special election when ordered by
 7 the county court and shall include the full text, the ballot title, and the
 8 official numeric designation of the measure.

9 (3) Publication of Special Referendum Election Notice. Upon
 10 filing of a special election order by the county court, the county clerk
 11 shall ~~give notice of the election through publication by a two-time~~
 12 ~~insertion, at not less than a seven-day interval, in a newspaper of general~~
 13 ~~circulation in the county or as provided by law. Publication shall state~~
 14 publish no later than five (5) days after certification, a notice on a
 15 website as defined in § 25-1-126 stating that the measure will be submitted
 16 to the electors for adoption or rejection at a special election and shall
 17 include the full text, the date of the election, the ballot title, and
 18 official numeric designation of the measure.

19 (4) Costs. ~~The~~ Any ~~cost of all publication to publish~~ notices
 20 required in this section shall be paid out of the county general fund.

21
 22 SECTION 34. Arkansas Code § 14-16-105(e)(2)(A), concerning notice of
 23 sale of county property, is amended to read as follows:

24 (2)(A) Notice of the sale shall be published ~~for two (2)~~
 25 ~~consecutive weekly insertions in some newspaper published and having a~~
 26 ~~general circulation in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

27
 28 SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 14-16-106(b)(1), concerning notice of
 29 public auction or Internet sale, is amended to read as follows:

30 (b)(1) Notice of the public auction shall be published ~~at least one~~
 31 ~~(1) time a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having general~~
 32 ~~circulation in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

33
 34 SECTION 36. Arkansas Code § 14-16-110(b)(1), concerning notice of
 35 public hearing of petition is amended to read as follows:

36 (b)(1) Immediately upon the filing of the petition, the judge of the

1 county court shall make an order fixing a time and place for a public hearing
2 on the petition, notice of which order shall be given by the county clerk by
3 publication ~~one (1) time in a legal newspaper having a bona fide legal~~
4 ~~circulation in the county or county district at least~~ for ten (10) days prior
5 to the date fixed for the hearing on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.
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7 SECTION 37. Arkansas Code § 14-16-302(a)(1), concerning notice
8 inviting sealed bids for real property, is amended to read as follows:

9 (a)(1) The county judge shall publish a notice inviting sealed bids
10 for the leasing, letting, selling, or conveying of real property for the
11 production, reclamation, and refining of crude biogenic gases. This notice
12 shall be published ~~in a legal newspaper in the county where the property is~~
13 ~~located one (1) time each week~~ for the four (4) weeks immediately prior to
14 the date set for receiving bids on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.
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16 SECTION 38. Arkansas Code § 14-18-106(b)(1), concerning notice of
17 filing of petition to vacate a street, is amended to read as follows:

18 (b)(1) Upon the filing of the petition, the county clerk shall
19 promptly give notice, by publication ~~once a week for two (2) consecutive~~
20 ~~weeks in some newspaper published in the county and having a general~~
21 ~~circulation therein~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126, that the petition
22 has been filed and that on a certain day therein named the county court will
23 hear all persons desiring to be heard on the question of whether the street,
24 alley, or roadway, or portion thereof, shall be vacated.
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26 SECTION 39. Arkansas Code § 14-19-107(a)(2), concerning notice of the
27 meeting of the court, is amended to read as follows:

28 (2)~~(A)~~ Notice of the meeting of the court shall be published ten
29 (10) days by advertisement ~~in some newspaper printed in the county.~~

30 ~~(B) If there is no such paper, the publication shall be by~~
31 ~~written notices posted at some public place at the county site of the county~~
32 ~~and at nine (9) other public places in the county, ten (10) days before the~~
33 ~~convening of such court~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.
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35 SECTION 40. Arkansas Code § 14-21-102(b)(1), concerning publication of
36 annual finance report of county, is amended to read as follows:

1 (b)(1)~~(A)~~ The clerk of the county court shall publish the annual
 2 financial report of the county+

3 ~~(i) One (1) time in one (1) newspaper published in the~~
 4 ~~county; and~~

5 ~~(ii) On a website owned or maintained by the county, the~~
 6 ~~state, or the Association of Arkansas Counties as defined in § 25-1-126.~~

7 ~~(B) If a newspaper is not published in the county, the~~
 8 ~~clerk of the county court shall publish the annual financial report of the~~
 9 ~~county one (1) time in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the~~
 10 ~~county.~~

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 12 SECTION 41. Arkansas Code § 14-22-101(2)(A), concerning notice of
 13 formal bidding, is amended to read as follows:

14 (A) Notice shall be ~~given~~ of the date, time, and place of
 15 opening of bids, and the names or a brief description and the specifications
 16 of the commodities for which bids are to be received, ~~by one (1) insertion in~~
 17 ~~a newspaper with a general circulation in the county, not less than ten (10)~~
 18 ~~days nor more than~~ published on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 thirty
 19 (30) days ~~prior to~~ before the date fixed for opening such bids;

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 21 SECTION 42. Arkansas Code § 14-37-112(b)(2)(B), concerning notice of
 22 procedure on how an incorporated town may become a city of the second class,
 23 is amended to read as follows:

24 (B) However, the mayor of the incorporated town which has
 25 been raised to a city of the second class may call a special election by
 26 proclamation, to be held in accordance with § 7-11-101 et seq., which shall
 27 be published ~~by two (2) insertions in a newspaper of general circulation in~~
 28 ~~the county in which the city is located~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-
 29 126. This special election shall be held for the purpose of electing
 30 officers for the city of the second class.

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 32 SECTION 43. Arkansas Code § 14-38-115(g)(1)(D), concerning notice of
 33 an alternative method for municipal incorporation, is amended to read as
 34 follows:

35 (D) The county clerk shall give notice of the election by
 36 publication ~~by at least one (1) insertion in some newspaper having a general~~

1 ~~circulation in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.
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3 SECTION 44. Arkansas Code § 14-40-303(c)(1)(D), concerning notice of
4 election by the city clerk, is amended to read as follows:

5 (D) The city clerk shall give notice of the election by
6 publication ~~by at least one (1) insertion in some newspaper having a general~~
7 ~~circulation in the city~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.
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9 SECTION 45. Arkansas Code § 14-40-1202(a)(1)(B), concerning notice of
10 special election called, is amended to read as follows:

11 (B) The court shall give thirty (30) days' notice of the
12 election by publication ~~one (1) time a week in some newspaper with a bona~~
13 ~~fide circulation in the territory and by notices posted in conspicuous places~~
14 ~~in the territory~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.
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16 SECTION 46. Arkansas Code § 14-40-1902(a), concerning notice of
17 hearing and determination, is amended to read as follows:

18 (a) Upon the filing of the petition, the county court shall set a date
19 for hearing thereon, not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than thirty
20 (30) days after the first publication of notice of the filing of the
21 petition. Notice of the filing shall be published ~~once each week for not less~~
22 ~~than two (2) weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city or~~
23 ~~incorporated town~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.
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25 SECTION 47. Arkansas Code § 14-41-305(a), concerning notice of
26 petition, is amended to read as follows:

27 (a) Upon the filing of a petition, the county court shall immediately
28 cause notice to be published for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~by at least two~~
29 ~~(2) insertions in some newspaper published in the county having a bona fide~~
30 ~~circulation therein~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126, stating the
31 substance contained in the petition.
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33 SECTION 48. Arkansas Code § 14-42-206(d)(2)(B), concerning notice of
34 an ordinance requiring independent candidates for municipal office to file a
35 petition, is amended to read as follows:

36 (B) The ordinance shall be published ~~at least one (1) time a~~

1 ~~week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks on a website as defined in § 25-1-126
 2 immediately following adoption of the ordinance ~~in a newspaper having a~~
 3 ~~general circulation in the city~~, and shall be filed with the county clerk.

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 5 SECTION 49. Arkansas Code § 14-42-304(c), concerning notice of
 6 proposed amendment to a charter, is amended to read as follows:

7 (c) The proposed amendment shall be published ~~at least one (1) time in~~
 8 ~~some newspaper of general circulation throughout the municipality~~ on a
 9 website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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 11 SECTION 50. Arkansas Code § 14-47-106(b)(1)(B), concerning notice of
 12 election on city manager form of government, is amended to read as follows:

13 (B) The proclamation ~~shall be published at length in some~~
 14 ~~newspaper published in the city for one (1) time~~, and notice of the election
 15 shall be published ~~in some newspaper published in the city one (1) time a~~
 16 ~~week for two (2) weeks, the first publication to be not less than fifteen~~
 17 ~~(15) days before the date set for the election~~ on a website as defined in §
 18 25-1-126. No other notice of the election shall be necessary;

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 20 SECTION 51. Arkansas Code § 14-47-107(a)(2), concerning notice of
 21 subsequent election on aldermanic form of government, is amended to read as
 22 follows:

23 (2)(A) The proclamation shall be published ~~at length one (1)~~
 24 ~~time in a newspaper published in the city~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-
 25 126.

26 (B)(i) Notice of the election shall be
 27 published ~~in a newspaper published in the city one (1) time a week for two~~
 28 ~~(2) weeks~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126, the first publication to be
 29 not less than fifteen (15) days before the date set for the election.

30 (ii) No other notice of the election is necessary.

31 SECTION 52. Arkansas Code § 14-47-140(i), concerning authorization for
 32 election concerning mayor, is amended to read as follows:

33 (i) Within thirty (30) calendar days after completion of the
 34 tabulation of the votes, the mayor of the city shall proclaim the results of
 35 the election by issuing a proclamation and publishing it one (1) time ~~in a~~
 36 ~~newspaper having general circulation within the city~~ on a website as defined

1 in § 25-1-126.

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3 SECTION 53. Arkansas Code § 14-48-104(c)(2)(A), concerning submission
4 of a governmental form question to electors, is amended to read as follows:

5 (2)(A) The proclamation shall be published ~~one (1) time at~~
6 ~~length in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality~~ on a
7 website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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9 SECTION 54. Arkansas Code § 14-48-105(b)(2)(B)(i), concerning the
10 procedure to change to another form of government, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 (B)(i) Notice of the election shall be published ~~one (1)~~
13 ~~time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper having a general circulation in~~
14 ~~the city~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126, the first publication to be
15 not less than fifteen (15) days before the date set for the election.

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17 SECTION 55. Arkansas Code § 14-48-109(a)(1)(B)(ii), concerning
18 election of directors and mayor, is amended to read as follows:

19 (ii) A proclamation of the election shall be signed
20 by the mayor and published in accordance with § 7-11-101 et seq. ~~in some~~
21 ~~newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the municipality~~ on a website as
22 defined in § 25-1-126;

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24 SECTION 56. Arkansas Code § 14-54-903(g), concerning refusal of an
25 owner to comply, is amended to read as follows:

26 (g) If the name of the owner cannot be determined, then the amount of
27 the clean-up lien or court lien shall be determined at a public hearing
28 before the governing body of the city or town only after publication of
29 notice of the hearing ~~in a newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the~~
30 ~~county where the property is located for one (1) insertion per week~~ on a
31 website as defined in § 25-1-126 for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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33 SECTION 57. Arkansas Code § 14-54-1101(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of
34 livestock running at large, is amended to read as follows:

35 (2)(A)(i) If the owner of the stock is unknown to the person or
36 officer taking up or impounding, then that person or officer shall post

1 written notices in at least three (3) public places in the incorporated
 2 towns, and by notice ~~in some newspaper in cities of the first and second~~
 3 ~~class~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

4 (ii) This notice shall give a description of the
 5 animal, set out therein the marks, brands, and flesh marks of the animals so
 6 impounded, and call upon the owner of the animal to prove his ownership or
 7 interest therein to such person or officer having it in his possession or
 8 custody, within ten (10) days after the publication of the notice.

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 10 SECTION 58. Arkansas Code § 14-55-206(a), concerning publishing or
 11 posting requirements by a municipality, is amended to read as follows:

12 (a)(1)(A) All bylaws or ordinances of a general or permanent nature
 13 and all those imposing any fine, penalty, or forfeiture shall be published:

14 (i) ~~in some~~ In a newspaper published in the
 15 municipality; or

16 (ii) On a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

17 (B) In municipalities in which no newspaper is published,
 18 written or printed notice posted in five (5) of the most public places
 19 designated by the governing body in an ordinance or minutes of the governing
 20 body shall also be deemed a sufficient publication of any law or ordinance.

21 (2) It shall be deemed a sufficient defense to any suit or
 22 prosecution of such fine, penalty, or forfeiture imposed by law or ordinance
 23 to show that no notice was given ~~as provided herein~~ under this section.

24
 25 SECTION 59. Arkansas Code § 14-56-416(b)(3)(B), concerning zoning
 26 ordinances, is amended to read as follows:

27 (B) Each session of the board shall be a public meeting
 28 with public notice of the meeting and business to be carried on published ~~in~~
 29 ~~a newspaper of general circulation in the city, at least one (1) time for~~
 30 seven (7) days prior to the meeting on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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 32 SECTION 60. Arkansas Code § 14-56-422(1)(B), concerning adoption of
 33 plans, ordinances, and regulations, is amended to read as follows:

34 (B) Notice of public hearing shall be published ~~in a~~
 35 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the city at least one (1) time for~~
 36 fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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2 SECTION 61. Arkansas Code § 14-57-605(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of
3 election, is amended to read as follows:

4 (2)(A) Notice of the election shall be given by the presiding
5 officer of the legislative body of the issuing municipality ~~by advertisement~~
6 ~~once a week~~ for four (4) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the~~
7 ~~municipality or, if no newspaper is published therein, in a newspaper having~~
8 ~~a bona fide and general circulation therein~~ on a website as defined in § 25-
9 1-126.

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11 SECTION 62. Arkansas Code § 14-57-605(b)(4)(A), concerning notice of
12 election for issuance of revenue bonds, is amended to read as follows:

13 (4)(A) The result of the election, after the vote has been
14 canvassed by the county board of election commissioners, shall be proclaimed
15 by the presiding officer of the legislative body. His or her proclamation
16 shall be published ~~one (1) time in some newspaper published in the~~
17 ~~municipality or, if none is published therein, in a newspaper having a bona~~
18 ~~fide circulation therein~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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20 SECTION 63. Arkansas Code § 14-57-606(c), concerning notice of form
21 and sale of bonds, is amended to read as follows:

22 (c)~~(1)~~ The bonds shall be sold at a public sale after advertisement
23 ~~once a week~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 et seq ~~for three (3) weeks~~
24 ~~in some newspaper published in the county in which the municipality lies.~~

25 ~~(2) The first publication shall be not less than twenty (20)~~
26 ~~days before the date fixed for the sale.~~

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28 SECTION 64. Arkansas Code § 14-58-303(b)(2)(A)(i), concerning notice
29 of purchases and contracts for cities of the first class, is amended to read
30 as follows:

31 (2)(A)(i) Except as provided under § 14-58-104, in a city of the
32 first class in which the amount of expenditure for any purpose or contract
33 exceeds the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), the mayor or the
34 mayor's authorized representative shall invite competitive bidding on the
35 purpose or contract by ~~legal advertisement in any local newspaper~~ on a
36 website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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2 SECTION 65. Arkansas Code § 14-58-1001(b)(3), concerning notice of the
3 intention of a municipality to receive written proposals for projects
4 exceeding two million dollars, is amended to read as follows:

5 (3) A municipality shall:

6 (A) Publish notice of its intention to receive written
7 proposals three (3) consecutive days ~~in a newspaper of local distribution on~~
8 a website as defined in § 25-1-126;

9 (B) Allow a minimum of ten (10) working days from the
10 first date of publication for the professionals to send letters or resumes in
11 response to the ~~newspaper~~ website advertisement; and

12 (C) Provide additional means of notification, if any, as
13 the municipality shall determine is appropriate.
14

15 SECTION 66. Arkansas Code § 14-59-116 is amended to read as follows:
16 14-59-116. Annual publication of financial statement.

17 (a)(1)~~(A)~~ The governing body of each municipality shall publish
18 annually a financial statement of the municipality, including receipts and
19 expenditures for the period and a statement of the indebtedness and financial
20 condition of the municipality.

21 ~~(B)~~ The financial statement shall be published:

22 ~~(i) one~~ One (1) time in a newspaper published in the
23 municipality; or

24 (ii) On a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

25 (2) ~~This~~ The financial statement shall be at least as detailed
26 as the minimum record of accounts as provided in this chapter.

27 (3) ~~This~~ The financial statement shall be published by April 1
28 of the following year.

29 (b) In municipalities in which no newspaper is published, posting the
30 financial statement ~~shall be posted~~ in two (2) of the most public places in
31 the municipality shall be considered sufficient publication.
32

33 SECTION 67. Arkansas Code § 14-72-205(c), concerning the refunding of
34 bonds issued under the provisions of the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 17,
35 and laws in aid thereof, is amended to read as follows:

36 (c)(1) ~~This~~ The order under subsection (b) of this section shall be

1 published ~~one (1) time in some newspaper published in the county~~ on a website
2 as defined in § 25-1-126.

3 (2) If no suit is brought within thirty (30) days after the
4 publication to review the correctness of the finding made in the order, the
5 finding shall be conclusive of the proportionate part of the funding bond
6 issue represented by indebtedness for the construction of a courthouse or a
7 jail, or both, and shall not be open to further attack.

8
9 SECTION 68. Arkansas Code § 14-72-302(c), concerning notice of bonds
10 sold at public auction, is amended to read as follows:

11 (c) The bonds may be sold at public auction or upon sealed bids after
12 notice by publication ~~once a week~~ not less than seven (7) days before the
13 date of sale and for at least three (3) ~~insertions in some newspaper~~
14 ~~published and having a bona fide circulation in the county. The last~~
15 ~~insertion is to be not less than seven (7) days before the date of sale, or~~
16 ~~they may be exchanged at par for warrants maturing on their date~~ weeks on a
17 website as defined in § 25-1-126.

18
19 SECTION 69. Arkansas Code § 14-72-304(b), concerning the form of
20 ballot, returns, and appeals for county bonds issued for courthouses and
21 jails, is amended to read as follows:

22 (b) The election officers shall make their returns of the result of
23 the election to the county court which shall then enter of record an order
24 showing the number of votes cast in favor of the bond issue and the number
25 cast against it, and the clerk of the court shall publish the order ~~for one~~
26 ~~(1) insertion in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county~~ on
27 a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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29 SECTION 70. Arkansas Code § 14-72-306(a), concerning publication of
30 the sale of bonds for county courthouses and jails, is amended to read as
31 follows:

32 (a) Bonds that may be issued to pay for courthouses or jails, or both,
33 which may be built or extended, shall be sold only at public auction or on
34 sealed bids after notice given by order of the county court and published
35 ~~once a week~~ not less than seven (7) days before the date of sale and for at
36 least three (3) ~~insertions in some newspaper published and having a bona fide~~

1 ~~circulation in the county, the last insertion to be not less than seven (7)~~
 2 ~~days before the date of sale~~ weeks on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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 4 SECTION 71. Arkansas Code § 14-72-503(b)(2), concerning methods of
 5 issuance of refunding bonds issued under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 13,
 6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (2) No refunding bonds shall be sold except at public sale after
 8 twenty (20) days' ~~advertisement in some newspaper of bona fide circulation in~~
 9 ~~the city issuing them~~ publication on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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 11 SECTION 72. Arkansas Code § 14-72-606(b)(2), concerning election
 12 procedures and election contests related to local government revenue bond
 13 elections, is amended to read as follows:

14 (2) Notice of the election shall be given by the clerk of the
 15 county or municipality ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having general~~
 16 ~~circulation within the county or municipality~~ on a website as defined in §
 17 25-1-126 not less than ten (10) days prior to the election.

18
 19 SECTION 73. Arkansas Code § 14-72-606(c)(1), concerning election
 20 procedures and election contests related to local government revenue bond
 21 elections, is amended to read as follows:

22 (c)(1) The county judge or mayor of the county or municipality shall
 23 proclaim the results of the election by issuing a proclamation and publishing
 24 the proclamation ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation~~
 25 ~~within the county or municipality~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

26
 27 SECTION 74. Arkansas Code § 14-72-608 is amended to read as follows:
 28 14-72-608. Elections held prior to effective date.

29 Any election called for the purpose of authorizing revenue bonds and
 30 any ordinances or resolutions of a legislative body, or orders of a county
 31 court adopted in connection therewith prior to May 8, 1986, shall be deemed
 32 ratified and in full compliance with this subchapter if the ordinance, order,
 33 or resolution calling the election or notice of election was published ~~at~~
 34 ~~least one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality~~
 35 ~~or county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126, and all other procedures
 36 followed complied substantially with the provisions of this subchapter.

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2 SECTION 75. Arkansas Code § 14-88-207(b)-(d), concerning the hearing
3 and establishment of a municipal improvement district, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (b)~~(1)~~ The ordinance shall be published within thirty (30) days after
6 its adoption ~~for one (1) insertion, in some newspaper published in the city~~
7 ~~or town where the district lies, or if there is no such newspaper, then in~~
8 ~~some newspaper published in the county.~~

9 ~~(2)(A) Where improvement districts are organized in any city or~~
10 ~~town in which no newspaper is regularly published, all notices required may~~
11 ~~be published in any newspaper that is published and has a bona fide~~
12 ~~circulation in the county.~~

13 ~~(B) If there is no newspaper published in the county where~~
14 ~~the city or town lies, the ordinances and notices provided for in the cases~~
15 ~~of local improvement districts in cities and towns may be published by~~
16 ~~posting them in at least ten (10) conspicuous places in the city or town~~
17 ~~where the improvement is to be made on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.~~

18 (c) The findings of the governing body shall be conclusive unless
19 attacked by a suit in the ~~chancery~~ circuit court of the county, brought
20 within thirty (30) days after the publication.

21 (d)~~(1)~~ The governing body and the ~~chancery~~ circuit court in their
22 finding shall be governed by the record of deeds in the office of the
23 recorder of the county and shall not consider any unrecorded instrument.

24 ~~(2)~~ They shall also be governed by the value placed upon the
25 property as shown by the last county assessment on file in the county clerk's
26 office.

27
28 SECTION 76. Arkansas Code § 14-88-503(a)(2), concerning annexation of
29 territory into a municipal improvement district, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 (2) Thereupon, the city or town council shall direct the clerk
32 or recorder to publish for two (2) weeks, ~~in some newspaper issued and having~~
33 ~~a general circulation in the county where the city or town is situated~~ on a
34 website as defined in § 25-1-126, a notice calling upon the property owners
35 to appear before the council on a day named and show cause for or against the
36 annexation.

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SECTION 77. Arkansas Code § 14-89-403(2), concerning methods of raising revenue for municipal improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2) A district issuing refunding bonds may provide by resolution of the board of commissioners duly adopted that the entire balance unpaid on the date of the refunding bonds, for the assessment of benefits against each lot, block, and parcel of land and railroad track and right-of-way shall be the assessment of benefits against each respective lot, block, and parcel of land and railroad track and right-of-way for the refunding issue of bonds and shall draw interest, as provided in the resolution of the commissioners authorizing the issuance of the refunding bonds, from the date of the refunding bonds until paid. However, the interest need not be collected until it is necessary to do so to avoid exceeding the total amount of benefits and, if collected, shall be collected on each installment, or annual levy separately. After the date of the refunding bonds, the annual levies of the assessment of benefits shall be collected on the respective assessments of benefits as thus fixed against each lot, block, and parcel of land and railroad track and right-of-way, with or without an interest charge thereon, as the commissioners may deem necessary. However, when such a resolution is adopted by the board, it shall be certified by the secretary of the district, and it shall be filed with the city clerk or town recorder who shall publish ~~in some newspaper published in the city or town, if there be one, and if not then in some newspaper published in the county and having a bona fide circulation in the city or town~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126, a notice which shall be in the following form:

“NOTICE TO OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. OF, ARKANSAS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner(s) of Improvement District No.of, Arkansas, have filed with the undersigned a resolution fixing the assessment of benefits on each lot, block and parcel of land and railroad track and right-of-way in said improvement district, and the same is now subject to inspection. Any property owner in said district may appeal to the City (or Town) Council within ten (10) days from this date.

GIVEN this day of, ~~19~~ 20

.....City Clerk (or Town Recorder)

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2 Within ten (10) days after the publication of the notice, the district

3 or any property owner may apply to the city or town council to revise the

4 assessment so made, and the district or the property owner may within thirty

5 (30) days apply to the ~~chancery~~ circuit court of the county to have the

6 assessment revised and corrected. If no application is made to the council

7 within ten (10) days or to the court within thirty (30) days, the assessment

8 shall become final and incontestable, subject only to annual revision as

9 provided by law. On appeal to the city or town council, a hearing can be had

10 as prescribed in § 14-90-501. When the assessment is filed, the city clerk or

11 town recorder shall make the corrections upon the original assessment roll on

12 file in red ink, and shall certify said assessment to the collector of the

13 district.

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15 SECTION 78. Arkansas Code § 14-90-402 is amended to read as follows:

16 14-90-402. Notice of filing.

17 Immediately on the filing of an assessment by the assessors of a

18 municipal improvement district, the city clerk shall insert ~~in some newspaper~~

19 on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 the following notice:

20 “The assessment of local Improvement District No. (giving the number

21 of the district) was filed in my office on the day of, ~~19~~ 20....,

22 and the same is now subject to inspection.

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24 Clerk of the City of”

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26 SECTION 79. Arkansas Code § 14-90-602(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of

27 revision of assessments for municipal improvement districts, is amended to

28 read as follows:

29 (2)(A) On the filing of a reassessment with the city clerk or

30 town clerk, the city clerk or town clerk shall publish ~~in a newspaper~~

31 ~~published in the county one (1) time a week~~ on a website as defined in § 25-

32 1-126 for two (2) weeks a notice as follows:

33 “The reassessment of Improvement District No _____ (giving the style and

34 number of the district) has been filed in my office, and the same is now open

35 for inspection.

36 “All persons wishing to be heard on the reassessment shall be heard by the

1 commissioners of the district in the office of the city clerk or town clerk
2 at _____ on the _____ day of
3 _____, 2 _____.
4 Clerk of the City (or Town) of _____”.

6 SECTION 80. Arkansas Code § 14-90-803 is amended to read as follows:
7 14-90-803. Publication of ordinance.

8 Within thirty (30) days after the passage of the ordinance mentioned in
9 § 14-90-801, the recorder or city clerk shall publish a copy of it ~~in some~~
10 ~~newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the town or city~~
11 ~~for one (1) time; or if no newspaper is published in the city or town, then~~
12 ~~in some newspaper published in the county; and, if no newspaper is published~~
13 ~~in the county, then by posting in at least ten (10) conspicuous places in the~~
14 ~~city or town~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

16 SECTION 81. Arkansas Code § 14-90-903 is amended to read as follows:
17 14-90-903. Notice for collection of assessment.

18 The county tax collector shall immediately upon the receipt of the
19 certified copies of the municipal improvement district assessment of benefits
20 and ordinance cause to be published ~~in some newspaper published in the city~~
21 on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 a notice, which may be in the following
22 form:

23 “Special Assessment

24 “The tax book for the collection of the first annual special assessment
25 upon the real property in District No. for the purpose of has been
26 placed in my hands. All owners of real property lying in the District are
27 required to pay their assessment to me within thirty (30) days from this
28 date. If such payment is not made, action shall be commenced at the end of
29 that time for the collection of said assessments and for legal penalties and
30 costs.

31 “Given under my hand this day of ..., ~~19~~ 20

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33 County Collector”

35 SECTION 82. Arkansas Code § 14-91-1002(b)(2)(A), concerning
36 proceedings to approve the sale of waterworks, is amended to read as follows:

1 (2)(A) Upon the filing of this petition, the council of the city
 2 or town shall give notice by publication ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in~~
 3 ~~some newspaper published in the county in which the city or town is located~~
 4 on a website as defined in § 25-1-126, advising the owners of real property
 5 within the city or town that on a day therein named the council of the city
 6 or town will hear the petition and determine whether those signing it
 7 constitute a majority in value of the owners of real property.

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 9 SECTION 83. Arkansas Code § 14-92-206(a)(2)(A), concerning a hearing
 10 on petition to form a suburban improvement district and determination, is
 11 amended to read as follows:

12 (2)(A) The notice shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two
 13 (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in~~
 14 ~~the county where the lands affected are situated,~~ on a website as defined in
 15 § 25-1-126, and, if available, on the website of the county or of the
 16 Secretary of State.

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 18 SECTION 84. Arkansas Code § 14-93-108(a), concerning removal of board
 19 members of property owners' improvement districts, is amended to read as
 20 follows:

21 (a) When the owners of two-thirds (2/3) in assessed value of the real
 22 property located within any district shall sign a petition stating that the
 23 petitioners believe it to be in the best interest of the district that the
 24 board, or any member thereof, be removed and shall file it with the county
 25 court of the county in which the district is located, the court shall set a
 26 date for a hearing thereon and shall give notice thereof ~~by one (1)~~
 27 ~~publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the district at least~~
 28 ~~ten (10) days before the date of the hearing~~ on a website as defined in § 25-
 29 1-126.

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 31 SECTION 85. Arkansas Code § 14-93-133(b)(3), concerning annexation of
 32 lands outside property owners' improvement districts, is amended to read as
 33 follows:

34 (3) The county court shall then direct the clerk to publish for
 35 two (2) consecutive weeks, ~~in some newspaper having general circulation in~~
 36 ~~each county in which the district and the territory proposed to be annexed is~~

1 ~~located on a website as defined in § 25-1-126~~ a notice calling upon the
2 owners in the district and the territory proposed to be annexed to appear
3 before the county court on the date and time and at the place named in the
4 notice and show cause for or against the annexation.

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6 SECTION 86. Arkansas Code § 14-94-106(c), concerning hearing on a
7 petition and determination related to municipal property owners and
8 improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

9 (c) The ordinance establishing the district shall be published within
10 thirty (30) days after its adoption ~~by one (1) insertion in some newspaper of~~
11 ~~general circulation in the municipality in which the district lies~~ on a
12 website as defined in § 25-1-126.

13
14 SECTION 87. Arkansas Code § 14-94-108(a), concerning removal of board
15 members of a municipal property owners improvement district, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (a) When the owners of two-thirds (2/3) in assessed value of the real
18 property located within any district shall sign a petition stating that the
19 petitioners believe it to be in the best interest of the district that the
20 board, or any member thereof, be removed and shall file the petition with the
21 governing body, the governing body shall set a date for a hearing on the
22 petition and shall give notice of the hearing ~~by one (1) publication in a~~
23 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the district~~ at least ten (10) days
24 before the date of the hearing on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

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26 SECTION 88. Arkansas Code § 14-117-420(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of
27 petition, is amended to read as follows:

28 (2)(A) Upon the filing of the petition with the county court,
29 notice shall be published by the county clerk for two (2) weeks ~~in a~~
30 ~~newspaper published in each of the counties in which the district has land~~ on
31 a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

32
33 SECTION 89. Arkansas Code § 14-120-112(b)(2), concerning drainage and
34 levee improvement districts created or organized under special or general
35 law, is amended to read as follows:

36 (2) Thereupon the county court shall give notice of the

1 application by two (2) weeks' publication ~~in some newspaper published and~~
2 ~~having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-
3 1-126 and of a time when the petition will be heard.

4
5 SECTION 90. Arkansas Code § 14-121-202(a), concerning notice of
6 hearing about the establishment of a new district, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) The county clerk shall thereupon give notice by publication for
9 two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in~~
10 ~~the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126, calling upon all persons
11 owning property within the district to appear before the court on some day to
12 be fixed by the court, to show cause in favor of or against the establishment
13 of the district.

14
15 SECTION 91. Arkansas Code § 14-121-207(1), concerning notice of
16 application to establish new drainage districts, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 (1) If three (3) owners of real property within the district shall
19 petition the county court to constitute them a drainage district under the
20 terms hereof, the county court shall give notice of the application by two
21 (2) weeks' publication ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide~~
22 ~~circulation in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126, and of a
23 time when the petition will be heard.

24
25 SECTION 92. Arkansas Code § 14-121-403(b), concerning notice of
26 assessment of land outside of the district, is amended to read as follows:

27 (b) It shall then be the duty of the county court to give notice ~~in a~~
28 ~~newspaper published in the county where the lands lie~~ on a website as defined
29 in § 25-1-126, describing the additional lands which have been assessed.

30
31 SECTION 93. Arkansas Code § 14-121-404(b), concerning notice of filing
32 of an assessment and for receiving complaints, is amended to read as follows:

33 (b) Upon the filing of the assessment, the county clerk shall give
34 notice of the fact by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper issued~~
35 ~~in each of the counties in which the lands of the district may lie~~ on a
36 website as defined in § 25-1-126.

1
2 SECTION 94. Arkansas Code § 14-121-412(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of
3 additional levies and the process of appeal, is amended to read as follows:

4 (2)(A) Upon the filing of the petition, notice shall be published by
5 the clerk for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published in each of the counties~~
6 ~~in which the district embraces land~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.
7

8 SECTION 95. Arkansas Code § 14-121-502(b)(1), concerning notice of any
9 new subdistricts and publication calling upon persons owning property to
10 appear before the court, is amended to read as follows:

11 (b)(1) The county clerk shall thereupon give notice by publication for
12 two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county or counties in which~~
13 ~~the subdistrict will be located~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126,
14 calling upon all persons owning property in the subdistrict to appear before
15 the court on some day fixed by the court to show cause in favor of or against
16 the establishment of the subdistrict.
17

18 SECTION 96. Arkansas Code § 14-121-1003(a), concerning notice of a
19 hearing concerning changes to a district, is amended to read as follows:

20 (a) Upon the filing of the petition the court shall direct the clerk
21 of the court to give notice by publication ~~in some newspaper in the county in~~
22 ~~which the property in the district lies~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-
23 126, for not less than two (2) ~~consecutive weekly publications~~ weeks, which
24 notice shall set out the purpose of the petition and the day set for the
25 hearing thereon. The court shall fix a day for the hearing of the petition
26 and shall hear the evidence thereon, and if it is of the opinion that it is
27 for the best interests of the property owners of the district that the
28 petition be granted, it shall abolish or dissolve the district, but if it is
29 of the opinion that it is for the best interest of the property owners that
30 the organization of the district be continued, then it shall overrule the
31 petition.
32

33 SECTION 97. Arkansas Code § 14-121-1009(b)(1), concerning notice of
34 abolishing a district when construction of improvement is abandoned and all
35 indebtedness is paid, is amended to read as follows:

36 (b)(1) Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall direct the

1 clerk to give notice by publication ~~in some newspaper in the county or~~
 2 ~~counties in which the property in the district lies~~ on a website as defined
 3 in § 25-1-126, for not less than two (2) ~~consecutive weekly publications~~
 4 weeks.

5
 6 SECTION 98. Arkansas Code § 14-121-1010(b)(1), concerning notice of
 7 abolishing districts when improvements are abandoned and no maintenance
 8 assurances are given, is amended to read as follows:

9 (b)(1) Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall direct the
 10 clerk to give notice by publication ~~in some newspaper in the county or~~
 11 ~~counties in which the property in the district lies~~ on a website as defined
 12 in § 25-1-126, for not less than two (2) ~~consecutive weekly publications~~
 13 weeks.

14
 15 SECTION 99. Arkansas Code § 14-122-103 is amended to read as follows:
 16 14-122-103. Publication of notice of adoption of ordinance.

17 When the governing body of any city enacts an ordinance ~~pursuant to~~
 18 under the authority granted herein, creating a drainage improvement district
 19 encompassing all or any part of the territory within the limits of the city,
 20 the governing body shall cause a notice of the adoption of the ordinance and
 21 a complete copy of the ordinance enacted to be published ~~in a newspaper of~~
 22 general circulation in the district on a website as defined in § 25-1-126
 23 within seven (7) days after the enactment thereof.

24
 25 SECTION 100. Arkansas Code § 14-139-106(a), concerning notice and
 26 hearing regarding revenue bonds for municipal exhibition grounds and
 27 buildings, is amended to read as follows:

28 (a) After the ordinance ~~shall have been~~ is adopted, it shall be
 29 published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper published in the municipality; or if~~
 30 ~~there is no newspaper so published, then the ordinance shall be posted in at~~
 31 ~~least three (3) public places therein~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126,
 32 with a notice to all persons concerned stating that:

- 33 (1) The ordinance has been adopted;
- 34 (2) The municipality contemplates the issuance of the bonds
- 35 described in this ordinance; and
- 36 (3) Any person interested may appear before the governing body,

1 upon a certain date which shall not be less than ten (10) days subsequent to
 2 the publication or posting of the ordinance and notice, and present protests.

3
 4 SECTION 101. Arkansas Code § 14-140-209(3)(A), concerning public
 5 marketplaces in cities and towns, is amended to read as follows:

6 (A) Notice and Hearing. After the ordinance ~~shall have~~
 7 ~~been~~ is adopted, it shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper published~~
 8 ~~in the city or town~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 with a notice to
 9 all persons concerned, stating that:

10 (i) The ordinance has been adopted;

11 (ii) The city or town contemplates the issuance of
 12 the bonds described in the ordinance; and

13 (iii) Any person interested may appear before the
 14 governing body upon a certain date, which shall not be less than ten (10)
 15 days subsequent to the publication of the ordinance and notice, and present
 16 protest.

17
 18 SECTION 102. Arkansas Code § 14-142-208(b)(3), concerning notice of
 19 election for the issuance of bonds for a local government library, is amended
 20 to read as follows:

21 (3) Notice of the election shall be given by the clerk of
 22 the issuer ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having general circulation~~
 23 ~~within the municipality or county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 not
 24 less than ten (10) days prior to the election. No other publication or
 25 posting of a notice by any other public official shall be required.

26
 27 SECTION 103. Arkansas Code § 14-163-212 is amended to read as follows:

28 14-163-212. Bonds – Sale.

29 Bonds issued under this subchapter shall be sold at public sale after
 30 twenty-days' advertisement ~~in a newspaper having a bona fide circulation in~~
 31 ~~the city~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 They may be sold for such
 32 price, including, without limitation, sale at a discount, as the governing
 33 body of the city shall determine.

34
 35 SECTION 104. Arkansas Code § 14-164-309(d), concerning industrial
 36 development bonds, is amended to read as follows:

1 (d) Notice of the election shall be given by the clerk of the issuer
2 ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having general circulation within the~~
3 ~~municipality or county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 not less than
4 ten (10) days ~~prior to~~ before the election. No other publication or posting
5 of a notice by any other public official shall be required.

6
7 SECTION 105. Arkansas Code § 14-164-328(b)(2), concerning publication
8 of the results of an election with reference to capital improvement bonds, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (2) The proclamation shall be published ~~one (1) time in a~~
11 ~~newspaper having general circulation in the municipality or county~~ on a
12 website as defined in § 25-1-126.

13
14 SECTION 106. Arkansas Code § 14-168-305(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of
15 hearing regarding a proposed redevelopment district, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 (2)(A) Notice of the hearing shall be published ~~in a newspaper~~
18 ~~of general circulation in the city or county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-
19 1-126 at least fifteen (15) days ~~prior to~~ before the hearing.

20
21 SECTION 107. Arkansas Code § 14-168-306(e)(2)(A), concerning project
22 plans for redevelopment districts, is amended to read as follows:

23 (2)(A) Notice of the hearing shall be published ~~in a newspaper~~
24 ~~of general circulation in the city or county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-
25 1-126 for at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing.

26
27 SECTION 108. Arkansas Code § 14-168-307(b)(2)(A), concerning amended
28 plans for redevelopment districts, is amended to read as follows:

29 (2)(A) Notice of the hearing shall be published ~~in a newspaper~~
30 ~~of general circulation in the city or county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-
31 1-126, for at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing.

32
33 SECTION 109. Arkansas Code § 14-169-104(b)(2)(A), concerning the
34 exercise of power by a housing authority, is amended to read as follows:

35 (2)(A) The clerk of the city or other municipality shall give
36 notice of the time, place, and purpose of the public hearing at least ten

1 (10) days ~~prior to~~ before the date on which the hearing is to be held, ~~in a~~
 2 ~~newspaper published in the municipality. If there is no newspaper published~~
 3 ~~in the municipality, then notice shall be published in a newspaper published~~
 4 ~~in the state and having a general circulation in the municipality~~ on a
 5 website as defined in § 25-1-126.

6
 7 SECTION 110. Arkansas Code § 14-169-319(a)(2), concerning procedures
 8 for regional housing authorities, is amended to read as follows:

9 (2) The clerk of the county shall give notice of the time,
 10 place, and purpose of the public hearing for at least ten (10) days ~~prior to~~
 11 before the day on which the hearing is to be held, ~~in a newspaper published~~
 12 ~~in the county, or if there is no newspaper published in the county, then in a~~
 13 ~~newspaper published in the state and having a general circulation in the~~
 14 ~~county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

15
 16 SECTION 111. Arkansas Code § 14-169-1107(b)(2)(B)(ii), concerning
 17 foreclosure in a targeted neighborhood enhancement plan, is amended to read
 18 as follows:

19 (ii) If the name and whereabouts of the owner cannot
 20 be determined, or if restricted delivery of certified mail is not
 21 accomplished, then the hearing to determine the amount shall be held not
 22 fewer than fourteen (14) days after publication of notice of the hearing ~~in a~~
 23 ~~newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the county where the property is~~
 24 ~~located for one (1) insertion per week~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126
 25 for four (4) consecutive weeks; and

26
 27 SECTION 112. Arkansas Code § 14-186-410(a), concerning the joint
 28 operation of ports by municipalities and counties, is amended to read as
 29 follows:

30 (a) After the passage of any ordinance ~~pursuant to~~ under § 14-186-409,
 31 it shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper published in the~~
 32 ~~municipality. If there is no newspaper so published, then the ordinance shall~~
 33 ~~be published in a newspaper which has a bona fide general circulation within~~
 34 ~~the municipality,~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126, with a notice to all
 35 persons concerned stating that:

36 (1) The ordinance has been passed;

1 (2) The municipality contemplated the issuance of the bonds
2 described in the ordinance; and

3 (3) Any person interested may appear before the legislative
4 body, upon a certain date, which shall be not less than ten (10) days
5 subsequent to the publication of the ordinance and notice, and present
6 protests.

7
8 SECTION 113. Arkansas Code § 14-187-106(c), concerning procedure for
9 sale of improvements by municipal wharf improvement districts, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (c) Upon the filing of the petition or petitions, the council shall
12 give notice by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in some~~
13 ~~newspaper published in the county in which the district is situated~~ on a
14 website as defined in § 25-1-126. This publication shall advise the owners
15 of real property within the district that on a day therein named the council
16 of the city will hear the petition and determine whether those signing it
17 constitute a majority in value of the owners of real property.

18
19 SECTION 114. Arkansas Code § 14-188-104(b)(1)(B)(ii), concerning the
20 creation of rural development authorities, is amended to read as follows:

21 (ii) Prior to any hearing held to determine if there
22 is need for an authority to function in the county, the clerk shall cause
23 notice of the hearing to be published for at least two (2) successive weeks
24 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ on a website as defined
25 in § 25-1-126, setting forth the time and place of the hearing.

26
27 SECTION 115. Arkansas Code § 14-199-302(b)(2), concerning the sale of
28 public utilities, is amended to read as follows:

29 (2) Upon the filing of this petition, the council of the city or
30 town shall give notice by publication ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a~~
31 ~~newspaper published in the county in which the city or town may lie~~ on a
32 website as defined in § 25-1-126, advising the owners of real property within
33 the city or town that on a day therein named the council of the city or town
34 will hear the petition and determine whether those signing it constitute a
35 majority in value of the owners of real property.

36

1 SECTION 116. Arkansas Code § 14-199-404 is amended to read as follows:
2 14-199-404. Report and audit of operation.

3 The city council of any city adopting the ordinance provided for in
4 this subchapter shall require the consolidated governing body designated as
5 the light and water commission to make a complete and competent audit by an
6 auditor approved by the city council each biennium, from and after the
7 effective date of the ordinance. The city council shall require the light
8 and water commission to file with the city council a complete report and
9 audit of the operation of both the light plant and water plant. This audit
10 shall be ~~publicized in a legal newspaper having a general circulation in the~~
11 ~~county wherein the city is located~~ published on a website as defined in § 25-
12 1-126.

13
14 SECTION 117. Arkansas Code § 14-201-304 is amended to read as follows:
15 14-201-304. Notice of election.

16 Within five (5) days after the filing of the petition, the county board
17 of election commissioners shall call an election to be held in the city or
18 town at a time not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days
19 from the date of the filing of the petition. The board shall give due notice
20 thereof by publication ~~in some newspaper published in the city or town,~~
21 weekly on a website as defined in § 25-1-126, for two (2) weeks, stating in
22 the notice the time and place where the election will be held and the purpose
23 thereof; and the election may be held at any place in the city or town
24 designated by the board whether the place be within or without the boundaries
25 of the improvement district or districts. ~~If no newspaper is published in the~~
26 ~~city or town, notice of the election shall be given by printed notices posted~~
27 ~~at ten (10) public places therein for more than twenty (20) days prior to the~~
28 ~~election.~~

29
30 SECTION 118. Arkansas Code § 14-203-115(b), concerning rates, fees,
31 and charges for a municipal electrical system, is amended to read as follows:

32 (b) For so long as any contract for the purchase of electric power and
33 energy is in effect, the rates, fees, and charges for electric power and
34 energy charged and collected by a municipality may be fixed to provide
35 sufficient revenues to secure payments of amounts due under the contract and
36 to comply with the terms of the contract. Any contract shall be approved by

1 ordinance of the governing body of the purchasing municipality, and the
2 ordinance shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general~~
3 ~~circulation in the municipality~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126. Any
4 contest of the ordinance shall be barred at the end of thirty (30) days after
5 the ordinance is published.

6
7 SECTION 119. Arkansas Code § 14-205-104 is amended to read as follows:
8 14-205-104. Publication of ordinance and notice.

9 When the ordinance is adopted by the municipality's legislative body,
10 it shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper published in the~~
11 ~~municipality, or, if there is no newspaper so published, then in a newspaper~~
12 ~~which has a bona fide general circulation within the municipality~~ on a
13 website as defined in § 25-1-126, with a notice to all persons concerned
14 stating that the ordinance has been adopted, that the municipality
15 contemplated the issuance of the bonds described in the ordinance, and that
16 any person interested may appear before the legislative body, upon a certain
17 date which shall not be less than ten (10) days subsequent to the publication
18 of the ordinance and notice, and present protests.

19
20 SECTION 120. Arkansas Code § 14-206-103(a), concerning natural gas
21 distribution systems, is amended to read as follows:

22 (a) Any municipality may determine to seek approval from the
23 commission to acquire the property of a gas or electric public utility as
24 authorized under the provisions of this chapter by the vote of the municipal
25 council, city commission, or governing body taken after a public hearing, of
26 which at least thirty (30) days' notice has been given by publication ~~in~~
27 ~~newspapers having a general circulation within the municipality~~ on a website
28 as defined in § 25-1-126. This vote shall have been ratified and confirmed
29 by a majority of the electors voting thereon at any special election held in
30 accordance with § 7-11-201 et seq.

31
32 SECTION 121. Arkansas Code § 14-206-105(b)(1), concerning natural gas
33 distribution system, is amended to read as follows:

34 (b)(1) Each application shall also be accompanied by proof that public
35 notice thereof was given to persons residing in the municipality by the
36 publication of a summary of the application, and a statement of the date on

1 which it is to be filed, and a statement that interventions or limited
2 appearances must be filed with the commission within thirty (30) days after
3 the filing date set forth in the notice, unless good cause is shown, ~~in a~~
4 ~~newspaper or newspapers having substantial circulation in the municipality on~~
5 a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

6
7 SECTION 122. Arkansas Code § 14-217-105(d), concerning the creation of
8 consolidated utility districts, is amended to read as follows:

9 (d) The petition shall be filed with the city clerk. Upon the filing
10 of the petition it shall be the duty of the city clerk to give notice that
11 the petition will be heard at a meeting of the governing body of the
12 municipality at the time set forth in the notice. The notice shall be
13 published ~~once a week for not less than~~ for at least two (2) weeks ~~in a~~
14 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the municipality on a website as defined~~
15 in § 25-1-126. The notice may be in the following form:

16 "All owners of real property within the following described territory
17 (description of territory to be included in the district)
18 . are hereby notified that a petition has been filed with the city clerk of
19 the city of (name of municipality) purporting to be
20 signed by at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority in assessed value of the
21 owners of real property within the territory, which petition prays that a
22 consolidated utility district be formed embracing the territory, for the
23 purpose of (description of consolidated system in general terms)
24 and that the cost thereof be assessed against the real property
25 situated in the territory. All owners of real property within the territory
26 are advised that the petition will be heard at a meeting of the
27 (governing body) to be held at
28 . . . M., on , ~~19~~ 20. , and that at that meeting the . . .
29 . . (governing body) will determine whether those having signed
30 the petition constitute at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority in assessed
31 value of the owners of real property within the territory. At the meeting,
32 all owners of real property within the territory who so desire will be heard
33 upon the question."

34
35 SECTION 123. Arkansas Code § 14-218-104 is amended to read as follows:
36 14-218-104. Publication of ordinance establishing district.

1 Within twenty (20) days after the passage of the ordinance, the clerk
2 of the city shall publish the ordinance of the council laying off and
3 establishing the district. The ordinance shall be published ~~in a newspaper~~
4 ~~published in the city or town, for one (1) insertion~~ on a website as defined
5 in § 25-1-126.
6

7 SECTION 124. Arkansas Code § 14-218-105(a), concerning the publication
8 of ordinance establishing a consolidated water and light improvement
9 district, is amended to read as follows:

10 (a) Before passing the ordinance, the city council shall cause the
11 city clerk to give notice by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2)
12 weeks ~~in a newspaper published in the county in which the city may lie~~ on a
13 website as defined in § 25-1-126, advising the property owners within the
14 proposed district that on a day therein named, the council will hear the
15 petition and determine whether those signing the petition are actually owners
16 of real property in such city.
17

18 SECTION 125. Arkansas Code § 14-218-106(a), concerning notice of
19 petition to take over a light and water plant, is amended to read as follows:

20 (a) If, within ninety (90) days after the publication of the ordinance
21 creating and establishing the district, persons claiming to be a majority in
22 value of the owners of real property within the district shall present to the
23 city council a petition that the plants and systems be acquired and
24 consolidated, that the improvements be made, that thereafter the plants and
25 systems be maintained, and that the cost thereof be assessed and charged upon
26 the real property situated within the district, the city clerk shall give
27 notice by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper~~
28 ~~published in the county in which the city lies~~ on a website as defined in §
29 25-1-126. This publication shall advise the property owners within the
30 district that on a day therein named the council will hear the petition and
31 determine whether those signing the petition constitute a majority in value
32 of the owners of real property.
33

34 SECTION 126. Arkansas Code § 14-218-111 is amended to read as follows:

35 14-218-111. Notice of filing of assessments.

36 Immediately on filing of the assessment, the city clerk shall ~~insert~~

1 ~~publish~~ the following notice ~~in a newspaper published in the county in which~~
2 ~~the city lies~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq:

3 "The assessment of consolidated water and light district of was
4 filed in my office on the ... day of ..., ~~19~~ 20..., and the assessment is now
5 subject to inspection.

6
7 Clerk of the City of "

8
9 SECTION 127. Arkansas Code § 14-218-115(a), concerning the statute of
10 limitations for challenging assessments in a consolidated water and light
11 improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

12 (a) Within thirty (30) days after the passage of the ordinance
13 mentioned in § 14-218-114, the city clerk shall publish a copy of ~~it in a~~
14 ~~newspaper published in the town or city~~ the assessment ordinance on a website
15 as defined in § 25-1-126.

16
17 SECTION 128. Arkansas Code § 14-218-117 is amended to read as follows:
18 14-218-117. Collector’s notice – Publication.

19 The collector shall immediately, upon the receipt of the tax list,
20 cause to be published ~~in a newspaper published in the city~~ a notice on a
21 website as defined in § 25-1-126, which may be in the following form:

22 "The tax books for the collection of the special assessment upon the
23 real property in Consolidated Water & Light District of ... has been placed
24 in my hands. All owners of real property lying in the district are required
25 to pay their assessment to me within thirty (30) days from this date. If such
26 payment is not made, action will be commenced at the end of that time for the
27 collection of said assessment and for legal penalties and costs.

28 Given under my hand this ... day of ..., ~~19~~ 20....

29Collector."

30
31 SECTION 129. Arkansas code § 14-218-123(b), concerning the annual
32 revision assessments in water and light improvement district, is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (b) The clerk shall ~~insert in a newspaper published in the county in~~
35 ~~which the city is located~~ publish on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 the
36 following notice:

1 which may be adjourned from time to time.

2
 3 SECTION 133. Arkansas Code § 14-237-113 is amended to read as follows:
 4 14-237-113. Annual publication of financial statements.

5 (a)~~(1)~~ The governing body of each municipal water or sewer department
 6 shall cause to be published annually a financial statement of the department,
 7 including receipts and expenditures for the period and a statement of the
 8 indebtedness and financial condition of the department.

9 (b) The financial statement shall be published ~~one (1) time in a~~
 10 ~~newspaper published in the municipality~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-
 11 126.

12 ~~(2)~~(c) The financial statement shall be at least as detailed as
 13 the minimum record of accounts as provided in this chapter.

14 ~~(3)~~(d) The financial statement shall be published by April 1 of
 15 the following year.

16 ~~(b) In municipalities where no newspaper is published, the financial~~
 17 ~~statement shall be posted in two (2) public places in the municipality.~~

18
 19 SECTION 134. Arkansas Code § 14-284-104(a)(1), concerning publication
 20 of notice of petition to create a fire protection district, is amended to
 21 read as follows:

22 (1) The notice shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two
 23 (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in~~
 24 ~~the county where the lands affected are situated~~ on a website as defined in §
 25 25-1-126.

26
 27 SECTION 135. Arkansas Code § 14-284-204(a)(2)(B), concerning the
 28 establishment of fire protection districts outside of cities and towns, is
 29 amended to read as follows:

30 (B) When a time and place for the hearing are set, the
 31 quorum court shall publish notice of the hearing on a website as defined in §
 32 25-1-126 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.~~

33
 34 SECTION 136. Arkansas Code § 14-284-204(c)(1)(A), concerning notice of
 35 adoption of ordinance that establishes a fire protection district outside of
 36 cities and towns, is amended to read as follows:

1 (c)(1)(A) When an ordinance is adopted by the quorum court
2 establishing a fire protection district, the quorum court shall publish
3 notice of the adoption of the ordinance ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~
4 ~~in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

5
6 SECTION 137. Arkansas Code § 14-298-120(d)(2), concerning the opening,
7 changing, and classifying of roads by order of county court, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (2) If service is not obtained ~~then by one (1) insertion for two~~
10 ~~(2) weeks~~ by publication on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 at least
11 thirty (30) days before the hearing ~~in some newspaper having a general~~
12 ~~circulation in the county~~, the county clerk shall publish a notice as to the
13 filing of the petition, naming the day on which the county court will hear
14 the parties and those for and those against the opening of the road.

15
16 SECTION 138. Arkansas Code § 14-298-121(d)(2)(B), concerning the
17 opening or altering of county roads, is amended to read as follows:

18 (B) If service is not obtained, ~~then by one (1) insertion~~
19 publication on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 for two (2) weeks ~~in some~~
20 ~~newspaper published and having a general circulation in the county~~, the
21 county clerk shall publish a notice as to the filing of the petition and
22 naming the day on which the county court will hear the parties and those for
23 and against the opening of the road.

24
25 SECTION 139. Arkansas Code § 14-301-110(b), concerning publication of
26 notice of straightening or abandoning streets in cities over 15,000
27 inhabitants by city clerk, is amended to read as follows:

28 (b) When any person owning property abutting any part of the property
29 proposed to be abandoned as a street shall present to the city council his
30 petition praying that any property be abandoned as a street, the city council
31 shall by resolution direct the city clerk to give notice by a publication ~~one~~
32 ~~(1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county~~
33 ~~in which the city may lie. To~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 to advise
34 the property owners affected that on a day named in the notice the council
35 will hear the petition and determine whether the property should be abandoned
36 as a street and whether all abutting property owners and other persons

1 directly interested have consented to the abandonment. At the meeting named
2 in the notice, all property owners affected shall be heard before the
3 council, which shall determine whether the property should be abandoned and
4 whether all abutting property owners and other persons directly interested
5 have consented to the abandonment. The determination and finding of the
6 council shall be conclusive unless within thirty (30) days thereafter suit is
7 brought to review its action in the ~~chancery~~ circuit court of the county
8 where the city lies. In determining whether all abutting property owners and
9 other persons directly interested have consented to the abandonment, the
10 council and the ~~chancery~~ circuit court shall be guided by the record of deeds
11 in the office of the recorder of the county and shall not consider any
12 unrecorded instrument.

13
14 SECTION 140. Arkansas Code § 14-301-203(b), concerning notice of
15 public hearing on a petition to undertake street improvements, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (b) Notice of the public hearing shall be published ~~one (1) time in a~~
18 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the municipality~~ on a website as defined
19 in § 25-1-126 not less than five (5) days prior to the date fixed for the
20 hearing.

21
22 SECTION 141. Arkansas Code § 14-301-204(a) concerning notice of
23 assessed benefits on property in a municipality to improve streets, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (a) At the time and place stated in the notice, the governing body of
26 the municipality shall meet and hear all owners of real property of the
27 designated areas in the municipality who wish to be heard on the question of
28 whether the petitions contain the signatures of a majority in value of the
29 real property owners of the designated areas in the municipality and shall
30 make a finding and ruling as to whether the petitions contain the signatures
31 of a majority in value of the real property owners and shall publish the
32 finding ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~
33 ~~municipality~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

34
35 SECTION 142. Arkansas Code § 14-301-302(c), concerning notice to
36 vacate a street or alley, is amended to read as follows:

1 (c) At the next regular or special meeting of the council, the council
2 shall, by resolution, fix a day for the hearing of the petition and shall
3 direct the city clerk or town recorder to give notice of the meeting by
4 publication ~~once a week~~ for two (2) ~~consecutive~~ weeks ~~in some newspaper~~
5 ~~published in the county and having a general circulation in the city or town~~
6 on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

7
8 SECTION 143. Arkansas Code § 14-301-402 is amended to read as follows:

9 14-301-402. Petition of property owners to close alley – Notice.

10 When any person files with the city clerk or recorder of any city of
11 the first or second class or any incorporated town in this state a petition
12 signed by ten (10) or more persons claiming to be owners of real property in
13 the city or town and including a majority of the owners of real property
14 abutting upon any alley running through or across any part of any block in
15 the city, with this petition stating that the land embraced in the alley or
16 any part thereof is needed for the purpose of building on the lands any
17 public school, hospital, orphanage, or church building, or any addition to
18 those buildings, and praying that the alley be vacated as a whole or in part
19 and, if not as a whole, describing specifically the part of the alley desired
20 to be vacated, then it shall be the duty of the city clerk or recorder to
21 give notice of the filing of the petition by publication ~~in some newspaper~~
22 ~~published in the city or town, by one (1) insertion. If no newspaper is~~
23 ~~published therein, notice shall be given by publication of the notice, by one~~
24 ~~(1) insertion, in any newspaper published in the county and shall call upon~~
25 ~~the owners of real property abutting upon the alley and upon all other~~
26 ~~persons, firms, and corporations, to appear before the council of the city or~~
27 ~~town at its next regular meeting to be held after ten (10) days from the date~~
28 ~~of the notice and show cause, if any they can, why the petition should not be~~
29 ~~granted and the alley vacated~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

30
31 SECTION 144. Arkansas Code § 14-317-104(b), concerning notice of
32 petition to form rural road improvement districts, is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 (b) The notice shall be published ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in~~
35 ~~some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the district~~
36 ~~where the lands affected are situated~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

1
2 SECTION 145. Arkansas Code § 14-318-104(b), concerning notice of
3 petition by landowners in improvement districts for acquiring rights-of-way,
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 (b) The notice shall be published ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in~~
6 ~~some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~
7 ~~where the lands affected are situated~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.
8 The last publication of notice is to be at least seven (7) days before the
9 day fixed for the hearing.

10
11 SECTION 146. Arkansas Code § 14-322-104(a), concerning notice of
12 public hearing about improvement districts for city streets, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (a) Notice of the public hearing shall be published ~~one (1) time in a~~
15 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the municipality~~ on a website as defined
16 in § 25-1-126, at least five (5) days ~~prior to~~ before the date fixed for the
17 hearing.

18
19 SECTION 147. Arkansas Code § 14-322-105(a), concerning the
20 establishment of improvement districts for city streets, is amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (a) At the time and place stated in the notice, the governing body of
23 the municipality shall meet and hear all owners of real property in the
24 proposed district who wish to be heard on the question of whether the
25 petitions contain the signatures of a majority in value of the real property
26 owners in the district. It shall make a finding and ruling as to whether the
27 petitions contain the signatures of a majority in value of the real property
28 owners and shall publish the finding ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general~~
29 ~~circulation in the municipality~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

30
31 SECTION 148. Arkansas Code § 14-322-106(c), concerning notice of
32 filing assessments in improvement districts for city streets, is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (c) Notice that the assessed benefits have been filed with the city
35 clerk and county clerk shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general~~
36 ~~circulation in the municipality~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

1
2 SECTION 149. Arkansas Code § 14-386-116(a), concerning publication of
3 order in fencing districts, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) Within seven (7) days from the making of the order mentioned in §
5 14-386-115, the county clerk shall publish a copy of it ~~in some newspaper~~
6 ~~published in the county one (1) time if a newspaper is published in the~~
7 ~~county; and if not, then by posting the copy at the courthouse door, and by~~
8 ~~posting not less than ten (10) copies of it in the district~~ on a website as
9 defined in § 25-1-126.

10
11 SECTION 150. Arkansas Code § 14-386-301(a), concerning notice of
12 addition of adjacent area to fencing district, is amended to read as follows:

13 (a) When any number of owners of either rural acreage or city or town
14 land near or adjacent to any fencing district organized under and pursuant to
15 the law shall present to the county court a petition, in writing, accompanied
16 by a map giving description and setting forth such land as they desire to
17 have enclosed in any such district embraced within the enclosure of the fence
18 of the district, it shall be the duty of the court to give a notice by
19 publication ~~in some newspaper in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-
20 1-126 for a period of not less than twenty (20) days of a hearing upon the
21 petition, calling upon all persons whose lands or interest may be affected by
22 the petition to appear and show cause, if any, why the request of the
23 petitioner should not be granted.

24
25 SECTION 151. Arkansas Code § 14-386-402 is amended to read as follows:
26 14-386-402. Petition to establish district.

27 When any number of landowners owning land adjacent to any fencing
28 district organized under and pursuant to the law shall present to the county
29 court a petition, in writing, accompanied by a map, giving a description and
30 setting forth what land they desire to have enclosed in such district, and
31 where the lands as set forth and described in the petition are bounded or
32 completely enclosed by existing fencing districts, no-fence districts,
33 counties where a stock law is in effect, or navigable rivers, or combination
34 of them, it shall be the duty of the court to give notice, by publication ~~in~~
35 ~~some newspaper published in the county where the lands lie~~ on a website as
36 defined in § 25-1-126, of the filing of the petition and a description of all

1 lands as set forth and contained in the description.

2
3 SECTION 152. Arkansas Code § 14-386-405(a), concerning notice of
4 election results regarding fencing districts, is amended to read as follows:

5 (a) After the county election commissioners have ascertained and
6 declared the results of any election held under the provisions of this
7 subchapter, it shall be the duty of the county court to cause the results to
8 be published ~~to be printed in some newspaper published in the county where~~
9 ~~the lands lie~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

10
11 SECTION 153. Arkansas Code § 14-387-204(b), concerning notice of
12 filing petition for creation of stock law districts, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 (b)~~(1)~~ The notice shall be published ~~in some newspaper published in~~
15 ~~the county, if there is one.~~

16 ~~(2)(A) If no newspaper is published in the county, the notice~~
17 ~~shall be posted at the courthouse door and at each voting precinct in the~~
18 ~~county, if the petition is for a county.~~

19 ~~(B) If the petition is for a subdivision, then the notice~~
20 ~~shall be posted at three (3) of the most public places in the subdivision~~ on
21 a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

22
23 SECTION 154. Arkansas Code § 14-387-303(3)(A), concerning notice of
24 result of election in the establishment of stock law districts, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (3)(A) Immediately give notice of the result by publication ~~in~~
27 ~~some newspaper published in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126,
28 and by causing notices to be posted in three (3) public places in each
29 township affected by the election.

30
31 SECTION 155. Arkansas Code § 14-387-401(b)(2)(B)(i), concerning notice
32 of order of the authority and procedure in the addition of townships to a
33 stock law district, is amended to read as follows:

34 (B)(i) Notice of the order shall be given by publication
35 ~~of it in some newspaper published in the county~~ on a website as defined in §
36 25-1-126.

1
2 SECTION 156. Arkansas Code § 17-50-406(1), concerning notice of sale
3 of forfeited property of water well constructors, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (1) Publish ~~at least two (2) times a week~~ for two (2)
6 consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the county~~
7 notice of the sale, including the time, place, conditions of the sale, and a
8 description of the property to be sold, on a website as defined in § 25-1-
9 126;

10
11 SECTION 157. Arkansas code § 18-15-303(a)(2), concerning notice of
12 time and place of application to circuit court for eminent domain, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 (2) Notice of the time and place of the application shall be
15 given either personally in the ordinary manner of serving process or by
16 publishing a copy of the application with a statement of the time and place
17 at which it is to be made. Notice shall be published for three (3) weeks
18 preceding the time of the application ~~in some newspaper of general~~
19 ~~circulation in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

20
21 SECTION 158. Arkansas Code § 18-15-408(a)(4)(A), concerning notice of
22 intent to condemn a cemetery or grave, is amended to read as follows:

23 (A) The notice shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for
24 four (4) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper having a general circulation~~
25 ~~throughout the state in order to give the widest publicity to the~~
26 ~~municipality's intention~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126;

27
28 SECTION 159. Arkansas Code § 18-15-1004(c)(2), concerning publication
29 of warning orders for levee drainage districts, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 (2) However, if the owner is a nonresident of the county or is unknown
32 to the officers of the levee or drainage district, it shall be the duty of
33 the clerk to publish a warning order ~~in some newspaper published in the~~
34 ~~county for four (4) insertions~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126. The
35 warning order may be in the following form and shall be dated and signed by
36 the clerk:

1 “To (name of supposed owner) and all other persons having any claim or
2 interest in and to the following described land, situated in ... County,
3 Arkansas, namely: ... (here describe the land over which the levee or
4 drainage passes according to U.S. Surveys). You are hereby warned to appear
5 in this court within thirty (30) days, and file exceptions to the award which
6 has been filed in this office by the levee and drainage appraisers of this
7 county for the appropriation of the portion of the hereinbefore described
8 land, for the construction or intended construction of a levee, ditch, canal,
9 or drain, as the case may be, over and across the same.”

10
11 SECTION 160. Arkansas Code § 18-28-403(a)(2)(B), concerning
12 publication of petition to remit abandoned mineral proceeds to the county, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (B) The county attorney shall publish notice of his or her
15 petition ~~in a legal newspaper having general circulation in the county~~ on a
16 website as defined in § 25-1-126, and the notice shall be published at least
17 one (1) time.

18
19 SECTION 161. Arkansas Code § 18-60-902(a), concerning notice of
20 petition to vacate public utility easements, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a) Upon receipt of the petition, the county clerk shall promptly give
22 notice by publication ~~at least one (1) time a week~~ for at least two (2)
23 consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper having a general circulation within the~~
24 county on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

25
26 SECTION 162. Arkansas Code § 19-9-607(b), concerning notice of hearing
27 for the Revenue Bond Act of 1987, is amended to read as follows:

28 (b) At least ten (10) days before the date set for the public hearing,
29 notice of the hearing shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of~~
30 general circulation on a website as defined in § 25-1-126+

31 ~~(1) In the locality to be affected; or~~

32 ~~(2) In the case of a regional water distribution district,~~
33 ~~regional wastewater district, or regional solid waste management district, in~~
34 ~~a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which land lies within~~
35 ~~the boundaries of the district.~~

36

1 SECTION 163. Arkansas Code § 20-13-303(b)(1), concerning notice of
2 public hearing for county programs, is amended to read as follows:

3 (b)(1) When a quorum court proposes to enact an ordinance to provide
4 emergency medical services, whether on its own motion or upon petition of
5 electors, it shall set a date for a public hearing on the question and shall
6 ~~cause publish~~ notice of the time and place of the hearing ~~to be published in~~
7 ~~a newspaper of general circulation in the county or in the area proposed to~~
8 ~~be served~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

9
10 SECTION 164. Arkansas Code § 20-13-304(a), concerning publication of
11 ordinance for referendum of county programs, is amended to read as follows:

12 (a) Within ten (10) days after the enactment of the ordinance, a copy
13 of the ordinance in its entirety shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general~~
14 ~~circulation in the county or in the designated area~~ on a website as defined
15 in § 25-1-126.

16
17 SECTION 165. Arkansas Code § 22-6-303(a), concerning publication of
18 notice of sale of school lands, is amended to read as follows:

19 (a) The sheriff shall give notice by publication ~~in some newspaper~~
20 ~~published in the county where the land is situated~~ on a website as defined in
21 § 25-1-126, at least four (4) weeks before the day of sale, that he or she
22 will sell the land or lots at the courthouse door.

23
24 SECTION 166. Arkansas Code § 23-110-402(c)(4), concerning notice of
25 election regarding the number of horse-racing days, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 (4) Notice of the election shall be given by the clerk of the
28 city, town, or county involved ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having~~
29 ~~general circulation within the city, town, or county involved~~ on a website as
30 defined in § 25-1-126, not less than ten (10) days prior to the election. No
31 other publication or posting of a notice by any other public official shall
32 be required.

33
34 SECTION 167. Arkansas Code § 23-113-201(a)(2)(D), concerning
35 limitations on wagering on electronic games of skill, is amended to read as
36 follows:

1 (D) Notice of the election shall be given by the clerk of the city,
 2 town, or county involved, ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having~~
 3 ~~general circulation within the city, town, or county involved~~ on a website as
 4 defined in § 25-1-126, not less than ten (10) calendar days before the
 5 election. No other publication or posting of a notice by any other public
 6 official shall be required.

7
 8 SECTION 168. Arkansas Code § 23-113-201(a)(2)(F)(i), concerning
 9 limitations on wagering on electronic games of skill, is amended to read as
 10 follows:

11 (F)(i) Within thirty (30) calendar days after completion
 12 of the tabulation of the votes, the mayor of the city or town or the county
 13 judge of the county, as the case may be, shall proclaim the results of the
 14 election by issuing a proclamation and publishing it ~~one (1) time in a~~
 15 ~~newspaper having general circulation within the city, town, or county~~
 16 ~~involved~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

17
 18 SECTION 169. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is
 19 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20 25-1-126. Publication on a website.

21 (a) As used in this section:

22 (1) "Commercially reasonable rate" means the rate that is
 23 charged to a commercial customer for the publication of an advertisement,
 24 notice, or other publication; and

25 (2) "Website" means a site on the internet that:

26 (1) Is identifiable by a specific website address;

27 (2) Is accessible to the public at no cost; and

28 (3) Requires no information or login from the user.

29 (b) The website used to publish all advertisements, notices, orders,
 30 and information required or authorized to be published on a website under
 31 this section shall:

32 (1) Be an independent third party website;

33 (2)(A) Be selected by the Legislative Council and subject to
 34 audit by Arkansas Legislative Audit.

35 (B) The Legislative Council shall issue a request for
 36 proposals to host the independent third-party website;

1 (3) Contain all information that the advertisement, notice,
2 order, or published information would contain if published in a newspaper;

3 (4) Publish the advertisement, notice, order of publication, or
4 other information in a format substantially similar as other similar
5 advertisements, notices, orders, and information published in a newspaper;

6 (5) Maintain the advertisement, notice, order of publication, or
7 other information on the website for at least three (3) years from the date
8 on which it is posted on the website;

9 (6) Generate a proof of publication to the official submitting
10 the advertisement, notice, order of publication, or other information; and

11 (7) Charge a commercially reasonable rate for the publication of
12 the advertisement, notice, order of publication, or other information.

13 (c) The operator of the third-party website shall consent to being
14 audited by Arkansas Legislative Audit for compliance with all publication
15 requirements.

16 (d) If the independent third party website initially selected by the
17 Legislative Council under subsection (b) of this section determines it shall
18 no longer offer an independent third party website for the publication of
19 advertisements, notices, orders, and information, the Legislative Council
20 shall select another independent third party website for the publication of
21 advertisements, notices, orders, or other information required by this
22 section.

23 (e) If Arkansas Legislative Audit determines the advertisements,
24 notices, orders, and information are not in compliance with this section or
25 the requirements for publication are not met by the independent third party
26 website or the independent third party, the Legislative Council shall select
27 another independent third party website for the publication of
28 advertisements, notices, orders, and information required by this section.

29 (f) When required to publish on a website under this section:

30 (1) A quorum court may require that a notice be published in a
31 newspaper in addition to the website under this section; and

32 (2) A municipality may require that a notice be published in a
33 newspaper in addition to the website under this section.

34 (g) An ordinance shall not be deemed invalid because of the failure to
35 remain continuously posted on a website under this section for three (3)
36 years.

1
2 SECTION 170. Arkansas Code § 26-26-1301(b), concerning order upon
3 complaint during reassessment of property, is amended to read as follows:

4 (b) Due notice of the time and place fixed for a hearing upon any
5 complaint made as indicated shall be mailed, at least fifteen (15) days
6 before the time fixed for the hearing, to the county judge and county
7 assessor of the county affected, and the county judge shall immediately ~~cause~~
8 ~~the notice to be published~~ publish the notice, at the expense of the county,
9 ~~in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county and district~~ on a
10 website as defined in § 25-1-126.

11
12 SECTION 171. Arkansas Code § 26-26-1307(a)(3), concerning notice of
13 reappraisal during reassessment of property, is amended to read as follows:

14 (3) The notice required by this section may be accomplished by
15 publication in newspapers, by radio, by television, by direct mail, on a
16 website as defined in § 25-1-126, or by any other reasonable means.

17
18 SECTION 172. Arkansas Code § 26-27-203(6), concerning rules for
19 valuation during equalization of assets, is amended to read as follows:

20 (6) Before any percentage shall be added to or deducted from the
21 total assessed valuation of any county, township, district, city, or town in
22 this state by the board, it shall cause a notice to be served upon the county
23 judge of the county, who shall ~~cause notice to be published in some newspaper~~
24 ~~having a general circulation in the county~~ publish the notice on a website as
25 defined in § 25-1-126, at least ten (10) days before the date of the proposed
26 change. The notice shall give the date and place at which the board will sit
27 and shall warn the county judge and all citizens of the county to appear at
28 the time and place and show cause, if any they can, why the proposed change
29 should not be made or the assessments increased or reduced.

30
31 SECTION 173. Arkansas Code § 26-27-318(f)(1)(A), concerning notice of
32 appeals to courts, is amended to read as follows:

33 (f)(1)(A) The county court shall acquire no jurisdiction to hear the
34 appeal unless the county clerk shall have first given notice of the appeal by
35 publication:

36 (i) ~~By one (1) insertion published~~ On a website as defined in §

1 25-1-126 not less than one (1) week before the date fixed for the hearing of
 2 the appeal ~~in a daily or weekly newspaper published and having a bona fide~~
 3 ~~general circulation in the county;~~ or

4 (ii) ~~In any county in which no daily or weekly newspaper is~~
 5 ~~published,~~ By posting a notice at the courthouse and in four (4) other
 6 conspicuous places in the county seat of the county for a period of not less
 7 than one (1) week before the date fixed for the hearing of the appeal.

8
 9 SECTION 174. Arkansas Code § 26-36-206(e)(1), concerning distraint of
 10 goods to pay delinquent personal property taxes, is amended to read as
 11 follows:

12 (e)(1) If a taxpayer operating a business in a county is delinquent in
 13 the payment of personal property taxes for personal property owned by or used
 14 in the business, then following the certification and publication of
 15 delinquency under § 26-36-203, the county collector may distraint goods or
 16 chattels of the taxpayer owned by or used in the business under subsection
 17 (a) of this section by publication of a Notice of Distraint and Tax Sale in
 18 three (3) public places in the county or ~~in a newspaper of general~~
 19 ~~circulation in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

20
 21 SECTION 175. Arkansas Code § 26-37-102(a), concerning publication of
 22 notice of fee, is amended to read as follows:

23 (a) The county collector in each county shall, not less than thirty
 24 (30) days nor more than forty (40) days prior to the certification of the
 25 land, publish ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ on a
 26 website as defined in § 25-1-126:

- 27 (1) A list of real property not previously redeemed;
- 28 (2) The names of the owners of record;
- 29 (3) The amount of the taxes, penalties, interest, and cost
 30 necessary to be paid to redeem the property;
- 31 (4) The date upon which such period of redemption expires; and
- 32 (5) Notice that unless the property is redeemed prior to the
 33 expiration of the period of redemption, the lands will be forfeited to the
 34 state.

35
 36 SECTION 176. Arkansas Code § 26-37-102(a), concerning the publication

1 of notice by a county collector, is amended to read as follows:

2 (a) The county collector in each county shall, not less than thirty
3 (30) days nor more than forty (40) days prior to the certification of the
4 land, publish ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ on a
5 website as defined in § 25-1-126:

6 (1) A list of real property not previously redeemed;

7 (2) The names of the owners of record;

8 (3) The amount of the taxes, penalties, interest, and costs
9 necessary to be paid to redeem the property;

10 (4) The date upon which such period of redemption expires; and

11 (5) Notice that unless the property is redeemed prior to the
12 expiration of the period of redemption, the lands will be forfeited to the
13 state.

14
15 SECTION 177. Arkansas Code § 26-74-204(g), concerning notice of
16 issuance of bonds, is amended to read as follows:

17 (g) Bonds issued under the authority of this subchapter may be sold at
18 public or private sale. If sold at public sale, the bonds shall be sold on
19 sealed bids, and notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time in a~~
20 ~~newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas~~ on a
21 website as defined in § 25-1-126, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of
22 the sale. In either case, the bonds may be sold at such price as the county
23 may accept, including sale at a discount.

24
25 SECTION 178. Arkansas Code § 26-74-309(b), concerning notice of
26 results of an election for county sales and use taxes, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 (b) When the election results have been certified, the county court
29 shall immediately issue a proclamation declaring the results of the election
30 and cause the proclamation to be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having~~
31 ~~general circulation within the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

32
33 SECTION 179. Arkansas Code § 26-74-404(b), concerning notice of
34 results of an election for county sales and use taxes, is amended to read as
35 follows:

36 (b) When the election results have been certified, the county court

1 shall immediately issue a proclamation declaring the results of the election
2 and cause the proclamation to be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having~~
3 ~~general circulation within the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.
4

5 SECTION 180. Arkansas Code § 26-74-605(b)(1), concerning notice of
6 results of an election for county sales and use taxes, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 (b)(1) Notice of the election shall be given by the county clerk ~~by~~
9 ~~one (1) publication in a newspaper having a general circulation within the~~
10 ~~eligible county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126 not less than ten (10)
11 days prior to the election.
12

13 SECTION 181. Arkansas Code § 26-75-204(g), concerning notice of
14 issuance of bonds, is amended to read as follows:

15 (g) Bonds issued under the authority of this subchapter may be sold at
16 public or private sale. If sold at public sale, the bonds shall be sold on
17 sealed bids, and notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time in a~~
18 ~~newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas~~ on a
19 website as defined in § 25-1-126, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of
20 the sale. In either case, the bonds may be sold at such price as the city may
21 accept, including sale at a discount.
22

23 SECTION 182. Arkansas Code § 26-75-209(1)(B), concerning notice of
24 effective date of ordinance, is amended to read as follows:

25 (B) Following the election, the mayor of the city shall
26 issue his or her proclamation of the results of the election with reference
27 to the local sales and use tax, and the proclamation shall be published ~~one~~
28 ~~(1) time in a newspaper having general circulation in the city~~ on a website
29 as defined in § 25-1-126.
30

31 SECTION 183. Arkansas Code § 26-75-304(g), concerning notice of
32 issuance of bonds, is amended to read as follows:

33 (g) Bonds issued under the authority of this subchapter may be sold at
34 public or private sale. If sold at public sale, the bonds shall be sold on
35 sealed bids, and notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time in a~~
36 ~~newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas~~ on a

1 ~~website as defined in § 25-1-126,~~ at least ten (10) days prior to the date of
2 the sale. In either case, the bonds may be sold at such price as the city
3 may accept, including sale at a discount.

4
5 SECTION 184. Arkansas Code § 26-75-309(1)(B), concerning notice of
6 effective date of ordinance, is amended to read as follows:

7 (B) Following the election, the mayor of the city shall issue
8 his or her proclamation of the results of the election with reference to the
9 local sales and use tax, and the proclamation shall be published ~~one (1) time~~
10 ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the city~~ on a website as defined
11 in § 25-1-126.

12
13 SECTION 185. Arkansas Code § 26-75-404(d)(1), concerning notice of
14 election requirements and procedures, is amended to read as follows:

15 (d)(1) Following the election, the mayor of the city or town shall
16 issue a proclamation of the results of the election, and the proclamation
17 shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation in~~
18 ~~the city or town~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

19
20 SECTION 186. Arkansas Code § 26-75-503(e), concerning notice of
21 election requirements, is amended to read as follows:

22 (e) Prior to the election, the ordinance shall be published ~~one (1)~~
23 ~~time a week~~ for at least three (3) weeks ~~in at least one (1) newspaper~~
24 ~~published in the city in which the election is to be held~~ on a website as
25 defined in § 25-1-126.

26
27 SECTION 187. Arkansas Code § 26-77-104 is amended to read as follows:

28 26-77-104. Publication of licensing ordinance.

29 Any ordinance passed under the provisions of this chapter, before
30 becoming effective, shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of bona~~
31 ~~fide circulation in the city or town~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.
32 The publication shall not be later than one (1) week after the passage of the
33 ordinance.

34
35 SECTION 188. Arkansas Code § 26-78-111(e), concerning notice of
36 election for local taxes, is amended to read as follows:

1 (e) Notice of the election shall be given by the governing body of the
2 municipality or the county ~~in a newspaper of general circulation within the~~
3 ~~municipality or county one (1) time a week~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-
4 126 for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the last publication to be not less
5 than ten (10) days prior to the date of the election.

6
7 SECTION 189. Arkansas Code § 26-81-106(a)(1), concerning notice of
8 election results for local taxes, is amended to read as follows:

9 (a)(1) Upon certification of the election results, the county judge
10 shall issue a proclamation declaring the results of the election and cause
11 the proclamation to be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general~~
12 ~~circulation within the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126.

13
14 SECTION 190. Arkansas Code § 26-82-105(1)(B)(ii), concerning notice of
15 requirements and effective dates for local taxes, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 (ii) The proclamation described in subdivision
18 (1)(B)(i) of this section shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper~~
19 ~~having general circulation within the levying entity~~ on a website as defined
20 in § 25-1-126.

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22 SECTION 191. Arkansas Code § 27-66-505(b), concerning notice of
23 prohibition on use of heavily loaded vehicles during emergencies, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 (b) Whenever, in the judgment of the county judge, an emergency arises
26 in his or her county, as described in subsection (a) of this section, he or
27 she shall cause notice to be posted in the county courthouse to the effect
28 that until further notice the operation of vehicles having a net load of more
29 than three thousand five hundred pounds (3,500 lbs) over the highways
30 described in the notice is prohibited. Notice shall also be posted in at
31 least ten (10) of the most prominent and public places in the county and be
32 published ~~in a newspaper in the county~~ on a website as defined in § 25-1-126
33 ~~if practicable~~. Notice may also be given by mail, telephone, or personal
34 contact to persons operating vehicles, and notice by mail, telephone, or
35 personal contact shall be sufficient notice for the purposes of this section.

36

1 SECTION 192. Arkansas Code § 28-52-106 is amended to read as follows:
2 28-52-106. Notice of filing of accounts.

3 During the first week of each month the clerk shall publish ~~in a~~
4 ~~newspaper published or having a general circulation in the county~~ on a
5 website as defined in § 25-1-126 a notice of estates in which accounts have
6 been filed by personal representatives during the preceding month, listing in
7 alphabetical order the names of the estates, with the names of the personal
8 representatives thereof and the respective dates of the filing of the
9 accounts, and calling on interested persons to file objections to the
10 accounts on or before the sixtieth day following the filing of the respective
11 accounts, failing which the persons will be barred forever from excepting to
12 the account.

13
14 SECTION 193. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE.

15 (a) A county or municipality that publishes notices under the sections
16 amended by this act in a newspaper and passes an ordinance to publish notices
17 on a website, shall publish a notice in its current newspaper monthly for a
18 period of one (1) year.

19 (b) A notice required under subsection (a) of this section shall:

20 (1) Be no larger than two (2) columns wide by two (2) inches
21 long;

22 (2) Not exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00) per monthly notice;

23 (3) Contain the website address where the county or
24 municipality's public notice may be found;

25 (4) Contain the address of the county or municipal office where
26 notice may be requested; and

27 (5) State where the statement of payment required under § 25-1-
28 126 may be found.

29
30 SECTION 194. DO NOT CODIFY. EFFECTIVE DATE.

31 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is
32 effective on and after August 1, 2028.

33 (b) Section 169 of this act is effective on and after January 1, 2024.
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