



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 793

HOUSE BILL NO. 2114

By Representative Powers

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2317

By Senator Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1 and Title 8, Chapter 44, relative to public notices.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1-3-120, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f) Beginning July 1, 2024, when legal notices are required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, the notice must also be published on a news and information website that has a URL, if such a website exists, that:

(1) Has been published continuously for the previous twelve-month period;

(2) Has been published using recognized standards of professional journalism;

(3) Must have content revised on a regular basis not less than three (3) times per week;

(4) Bears a fixed title or name and date lines and complies with and abides by all copyright laws;

(5) Does not serve primarily as a platform to promote the interests or opinions of a special interest group, individual, or cause;

(6) Is principally devoted to the dissemination of local or general news with at least fifty percent (50%) of all editorial content reported being original, excluding advertisements; and

(7) Exists and is registered pursuant to state law with the secretary of state. The news and information website must have an office of publication known to be based in the county in which the notice is required to be published and that is available and open to the public where business is transacted during usual business hours, that maintains a telephone number and email listing, and that includes in each updated publication the contact information of the news and information website.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

