

CHAPTER 2022-103

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 7049

An act relating to legal notices; amending s. 50.011, F.S.; revising the requirements for newspapers publishing legal notices; deleting an option for publication on a newspaper's website; providing for the publication of legal notices on certain publicly accessible websites; amending ss. 50.021, 50.0211, and 50.031, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 50.0311, F.S.; providing definitions; authorizing a governmental agency to publish legal notices on a publicly accessible website under certain circumstances; providing criteria for website publication; authorizing a governmental agency with a certain percentage of its population located within a county meeting a certain population threshold to use a publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements and public notices only if certain requirements are met; requiring a governmental agency to provide specified notice to certain residents and property owners relating to alternative methods of receiving legal notices; authorizing a governmental agency to publish certain public notices and advertisements on its governmental access channels; providing a requirement for public bid advertisements made by governmental agencies on publicly accessible websites; amending s. 50.051, F.S.; revising a form for affidavits of publication; amending s. 50.061, F.S.; correcting a cross reference; amending s. 50.0711, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the use of court docket funds; amending ss. 11.02, 45.031, 90.902, 120.81, 121.055, 162.12, 189.015, 190.005, 200.065, 348.0308, 348.635, 348.7605, 849.38, and 932.704, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 12. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 120.81, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.81 Exceptions and special requirements; general areas.—

(1) EDUCATIONAL UNITS.—

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, educational units shall not be required to include the full text of the

rule or rule amendment in notices relating to rules and need not publish these or other notices in the Florida Administrative Register, but notice shall be made:

1. By publication in a newspaper qualified under chapter 50 in the affected area or on a publicly accessible website as provided in s. 50.0311;

2. By mail to all persons who have made requests of the educational unit for advance notice of its proceedings and to organizations representing persons affected by the proposed rule; and

3. By posting in appropriate places so that those particular classes of persons to whom the intended action is directed may be duly notified.

Section 23. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor May 10, 2022.

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