

HOUSE BILL 1001

By Haynes

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

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

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

1-3-120.

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

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

(2) On a statewide web site established and maintained as an initiative and service of the Tennessee Press Association as a repository for such notices and will remain on the repository web site for at least as long as it appears in the newspaper. Any newspaper of general circulation that meets the criteria of this subsection shall have access to the statewide web site.

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

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

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

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