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2017 Wisconsin Act 353
[2017 Assembly Bill 120]

**Class 2 and Class 3
Legal Notices**

BACKGROUND

Under Wisconsin law, publication of a legal notice may be prescribed as a Class 1, 2, or 3 notice, where the class of notice corresponds to the frequency of required insertions. For example, a Class 2 notice must be published once a week for two consecutive weeks and a Class 3 notice must be published once a week for three consecutive weeks. Generally, when multiple insertions are prescribed, the last insertion must occur at least one week before the act or event to which the notice relates.

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The Act allows a municipality the option to publish a summary, instead of publishing any full-text content that may be required under state law, for the second and third insertions that are required for publication of Class 2 and 3 notices, if the summarized notice also indicates that the full-text content may be viewed at all of the following sources: (1) the newspaper in which the initial insertion of the Class 2 or 3 notice was published; (2) the municipal website; (3) the Wisconsin Newspapers Association legal notices website; and (4) a physical location maintained by the municipality.

Under the Act, the authority to summarize the content of a notice does not apply to a legal notice required to be published by a municipality by order of a court or to a legal notice related to court proceedings required to be published by a municipality.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.