

State of Wisconsin



2015 Senate Bill 137

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AN ACT to amend 985.01 (7), 985.02 (2) (a), 985.02 (2) (b), 985.02 (2) (c), 985.02 (3) and 985.08 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** publication of certain legal notices on an Internet site maintained by a municipality.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 985.01 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

985.01 (7) “Wisconsin newspapers legal notices Web Internet site” means an Internet Web site maintained by Wisconsin newspapers for the purpose of providing and maintaining an electronic version of printed and published legal notices.

SECTION 2. 985.02 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

985.02 (2) (a) The notice must be posted in at least 3 public places likely to give notice to persons affected or must be posted in at least one public place likely to give notice to persons affected and placed electronically on an Internet site maintained by the municipality.

SECTION 3. 985.02 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

985.02 (2) (b) The notice posted before the act or event requiring notice shall be posted and, if applicable, placed electronically, no later than the time specified for the first newspaper publication.

SECTION 4. 985.02 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

985.02 (2) (c) The notice posted after the act or event requiring notice shall be posted and, if applicable, placed electronically, within one week after the act or event.

Actions of governing bodies posted after the act or event shall be effective upon posting.

SECTION 5. 985.02 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

985.02 (3) The newspaper that publishes a legal notice shall, in addition to newspaper publication, place an electronic copy of the legal notice at no additional charge on the Wisconsin newspapers legal notice Web notices Internet site.

SECTION 6. 985.08 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

985.08 (1) The fee for publishing a legal notice shall be not more than the rate issued by the department of administration for the first and subsequent insertions per standard line. The charge for the publication of a facsimile ballot shall be computed as if the area occupied by the ballot were set in standard lines. If a legal notice contains tabulated matter, then the fees allowable for the area containing such matter shall be increased 50% of the standard line base rate without adjustment for circulation premium. Composed matter shall be interpreted as being tabular when it contains 2 or more justifications per line. The standard line rate shall be reviewed annually, the adjustment, if any, to be effective on January 1 of each year to reflect the relevant change in costs of the newspaper publishing industry during the previous year, as determined by the department of administration in consultation with representatives of the daily and weekly

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”

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newspaper industry of the state. In making the determination the department shall base the standard line rate upon the factors of wage and independent indices of newsprint costs in the proportions determined by the

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department to be proper. No additional fee may be charged for placing a legal notice on the Wisconsin newspapers legal notice Web notices Internet site pursuant to s. 985.02 (3).
