

AN ACT

To create the Local Government Public Notice Task Force to study local government public notice requirements and to issue a report.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. (A) There is hereby created the Local Government Public Notice Task Force consisting of the following twenty-two members:

(1) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with at least one member being appointed from a recommendation of the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

(2) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, with at least one member being appointed from a recommendation of the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(3) One member representing the Governor's office, appointed by the Governor;

(4) One member representing municipal government, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of names provided by the Ohio Municipal League;

(5) One member representing township government, appointed by the President of the Senate from a list of names provided by the Ohio Township Association;

(6) One member representing county government, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of names provided by the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio;

(7) One member representing county recorders, one member representing prosecuting attorneys, one member representing sheriffs, one member representing county coroners, one member representing county engineers, one member representing county auditors, one member representing county treasurers, and one member representing clerks of the courts of common pleas. The members representing county recorders, prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, and county coroners shall be appointed by the President of the Senate from a list of names provided by an organization

representing those county officers. The members representing county engineers, county auditors, county treasurers, and clerks of the courts of common pleas shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of names provided by an organization representing those county officers.

(8) One member representing the Attorney General's office, appointed by the Attorney General;

(9) One member representing the Ohio Legal Daily Coalition, appointed by the Governor;

(10) One member representing a daily newspaper with a circulation of more than one hundred thousand, one member representing a daily newspaper with a circulation of twenty thousand to one hundred thousand, one member representing a daily newspaper with a circulation of under twenty thousand, and one member representing weekly newspapers, appointed by the Governor from a list of names provided by the Ohio Newspaper Association.

(B) Appointments to the Task Force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this act. A member of the House of Representatives appointed by and designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be the chairperson of the Task Force, and a member of the Senate appointed by and designated by the President of the Senate shall serve as the vice-chairperson of the Task Force.

The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary to carry out its official duties and responsibilities. The Legislative Service Commission shall provide staff assistance to the Task Force.

(C) The Task Force shall study the public notice requirements in the Revised Code for local governments and determine if the public notices are still needed and if there are other ways to fulfill those requirements, such as by the use of media or technology other than those currently mandated. The Task Force shall determine if any changes would enhance public availability and provide cost savings to local governments.

Not later than one year after the effective date of this act, the Task Force shall prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations on whether or not to change local government public notice requirements to the Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. On submission of that report, the Task Force shall cease to exist.

(D) Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not apply to the Task Force.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

Sub. H. B. No. 101

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The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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