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**A B I L L**

To create the Local Government Public Notice Task 1  
Force to study local government public notice 2  
requirements and to issue a report. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** (A) There is hereby created the Local Government 4  
Public Notice Task Force consisting of the following twenty-two 5  
members: 6

(1) Two members of the House of Representatives, one member 7  
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one 8  
member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of 9  
Representatives; 10

(2) Two members of the Senate, one member appointed by the 11  
President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Minority 12  
Leader of the Senate; 13

(3) One member representing the Governor's office, appointed 14  
by the Governor; 15

(4) One member representing municipal government, appointed 16

by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of 17  
names provided by the Ohio Municipal League; 18

(5) One member representing township government, appointed by 19  
the President of the Senate from a list of names provided by the 20  
Ohio Township Association; 21

(6) One member representing county government, appointed by 22  
the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of names 23  
provided by the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio; 24

(7) One member representing county recorders, one member 25  
representing prosecuting attorneys, one member representing 26  
sheriffs, one member representing county coroners, one member 27  
representing county engineers, one member representing county 28  
auditors, one member representing county treasurers, and one 29  
member representing clerks of the courts of common pleas. The 30  
members representing county recorders, prosecuting attorneys, 31  
sheriffs, and county coroners shall be appointed by the President 32  
of the Senate from a list of names provided by an organization 33  
representing those county officers. The members representing 34  
county engineers, county auditors, county treasurers, and clerks 35  
of the courts of common pleas shall be appointed by the Speaker of 36  
the House of Representatives from a list of names provided by an 37  
organization representing those county officers. 38

(8) One member representing the Attorney General's office, 39  
appointed by the Attorney General; 40

(9) One member representing the Ohio Legal Daily Coalition, 41  
appointed by the Governor; 42

(10) One member representing a daily newspaper with a 43  
circulation of more than one hundred thousand, one member 44  
representing a daily newspaper with a circulation of twenty 45  
thousand to one hundred thousand, one member representing a daily 46  
newspaper with a circulation of under twenty thousand, and one 47

member representing weekly newspapers, appointed by the Governor 48  
from a list of names provided by the Ohio Newspaper Association. 49

(B) Appointments to the Task Force shall be made not later 50  
than thirty days after the effective date of this act. The member 51  
of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the 52  
House of Representatives shall be the chairperson of the Task 53  
Force, and the member of the Senate appointed by the President of 54  
the Senate shall serve as the vice-chairperson of the Task Force. 55

The members of the Task Force shall serve without 56  
compensation. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary to 57  
carry out its official duties and responsibilities. The 58  
Legislative Service Commission shall provide staff assistance to 59  
the Task Force. 60

(C) The Task Force shall study the public notice requirements 61  
in the Revised Code for local governments and determine if the 62  
public notices are still needed and if there are other ways to 63  
fulfill those requirements, such as by the use of media or 64  
technology other than those currently mandated. The Task Force 65  
shall determine if any changes would enhance public availability 66  
and provide cost savings to local governments. 67

Not later than one year after the effective date of this act, 68  
the Task Force shall prepare and submit a report of its findings 69  
and recommendations on whether or not to change local government 70  
public notice requirements to the Governor, the President and 71  
Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader 72  
of the House of Representatives. On submission of that report, the 73  
Task Force shall cease to exist. 74

(D) Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not 75  
apply to the Task Force. 76