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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, appointed by	7
the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with at least one	8
member being appointed from a recommendation of the Minority	9
Leader of the House of Representatives;	10

(2) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of	11
the Senate, with at least one member being appointed from a	12
recomendation of the Minority 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
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.