



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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128th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Hagan, Pryor, Letson, Yuko, Domenick

BILL SUMMARY

- Allows political subdivisions to make internet web site publications in lieu of newspaper of general circulation publication requirements if the political subdivision donates all funds that would otherwise be used to provide newspaper notices to a local food bank or food drive for charitable purposes.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Publication via Internet

(R.C. 7.16)

Notwithstanding any section of the Revised Code that requires a political subdivision to publish a notice or advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation, the bill allows a political subdivision to satisfy the publication requirement by posting the notice or advertisement on the political subdivision's internet web site. A notice or advertisement posted on a political subdivision's internet web site must provide the same information as is otherwise required by the relevant statute and for the same amount of time as is required by that statute.

A political subdivision that exercises the authority conferred by the bill is required to donate any funds that would otherwise have been used to comply with the statutory notice by newspaper publication requirements to a local food bank or food drive to be used solely for charitable purposes.

The bill specifies that it does not apply to any documents required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation under Section 1g of Article II or Section 1 of Article XVI of the Ohio Constitution. Both of these sections relate to the newspaper

notice required for constitutional amendments proposed either by petition or by legislative action.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	11-04-09

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