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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in legal advertising, providing for
3 methods for advertising.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 45 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 311. Methods for advertising.

9 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other provision of
10 law or regulation, whenever an advertisement or notice is
11 required by law, rule or regulation, a local government unit
12 shall satisfy the requirement by using one of the following
13 methods:

14 (1) A newspaper of general circulation as defined in
15 section 101 (relating to definitions) printed in the county
16 in which the government unit is located.

17 (2) A newspaper printed in the government unit, if there
18 is such a newspaper.

1 (3) A newspaper circulating generally in the government
2 unit.

3 (4) A legal newspaper designated by the rules of court
4 of the county in which the government unit is located for the
5 publication of legal notices and advertisements.

6 (5) The government unit's official, publicly accessible
7 Internet website using hypertext markup language (HTML)
8 format or an equivalent language format.

9 (6) The official, publicly accessible Internet website
10 of a newspaper listed in paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (4),
11 using HTML format or an equivalent language format.

12 (7) A community paper of mass dissemination.

13 (b) Additional requirements.--Using an option under
14 subsection (a) to satisfy the requirement to publish an
15 advertisement or notice required by law, rule or regulation does
16 not relieve a government unit of the requirement to publish in a
17 legal journal if otherwise required under section 308 (relating
18 to additional publication in legal journals) or any other
19 provision of law.

20 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
21 "community paper of mass dissemination" means a locally
22 circulated printed publication that is at least four pages long,
23 is issued on at least a weekly basis and is distributed by
24 audited carriers to all known addresses within a political
25 subdivision.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.