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AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 45 (Legal Notices) and 65 (Public Officers) of
2 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in legal advertising,
3 providing for redundant advertising on Internet by
4 municipalities; and, in open meetings, further providing for
5 public notice.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

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

10 § 308.1. Redundant advertising on Internet by municipalities.

11 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other law, in a case
12 where a municipality is required to advertise in a newspaper of
13 general circulation, the municipality may publish a redundant
14 advertisement on the municipality's publicly accessible Internet
15 website in addition to the newspaper advertisement.

16 (b) Effect of redundant advertisement.--In the event that
17 the newspaper advertisement fails to be timely published by the
18 newspaper, the advertisement shall be valid on the date that it
19 was redundantly advertised on the municipality's publicly

1 accessible Internet website.

2 (c) Proof of publication.--A municipality that holds a
3 meeting under a redundant advertisement shall enter in the
4 record a copy of the advertisement provided to the newspaper and
5 proof that the municipality purchased the advertisement in a
6 timely fashion. Proof shall consist of a receipt or any other
7 similar communication showing the amount paid and the date of
8 the purchase.

9 Section 2. Section 709 of Title 65 is amended by adding a
10 subsection to read:

11 § 709. Public notice.

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13 (b.1) Redundant advertising on Internet by municipalities.--
14 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a political
15 subdivision may satisfy the public notice requirement by using a
16 redundant advertisement in accordance with 45 Pa.C.S. § 308.1
17 (relating to redundant advertising on Internet by
18 municipalities).

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20 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.