

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2179
103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 493, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the publication of public notices.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 493, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 493.220, to read as follows:

3 **493.220. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning on the**
4 **effective date of this section, in any county with a charter form of government, any**
5 **notice required by statute to be published in a newspaper shall also be published on the**
6 **website of the office of the secretary of state or published in a newspaper.**

7 **2. The office of the secretary of state shall develop procedures for submission of**
8 **notices published on its website as provided under this section and create a specific page**
9 **on its website that contains all such notices in a searchable format that is easily**
10 **accessible to the public.**

11 **3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any political**
12 **subdivision or governmental entity that is required by law to publish a public**
13 **advertisement, order of publication, legal notice, or any other notice in a newspaper**
14 **shall be permitted to publish the identical notice on its official website and on any**
15 **official social media accounts it maintains for public notices. In addition to the**
16 **newspaper publication or if no qualifying newspaper exists in the jurisdiction or the**
newspaper fails or refuses to publish the notice after timely submission and proper
payment, if any, such digital publication shall constitute valid and sufficient notice upon

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **the filing of an affidavit of publication or attempted publication. The political**
18 **subdivision shall retain proof of the digital publication for at least one year.**

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