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Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

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HOUSE BILL 26-1095

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Transportation, Housing & Local Government

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO**
102 **PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES IN AN ONLINE PUBLICATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law requires a county or municipality to publish legal notices in a physical print newspaper. The bill gives a county or municipality discretion to publish legal notices online on the newspaper's website instead. Legal notices published online must be free to access and cannot be kept behind a paywall or subscription.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-70-103, **add** (6)
3 as follows:

4 **24-70-103. Requisites of legal newspaper.**

5 (6) WHEN ANY LEGAL NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE
6 PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A COUNTY OR
7 MUNICIPALITY MAY INSTEAD PUBLISH THE NOTICE ON A WEBSITE
8 MAINTAINED BY THE NEWSPAPER. NOTICE AVAILABLE ON A NEWSPAPER'S
9 WEBSITE MUST BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT CHARGE AND THE
10 NEWSPAPER SHALL NOT REQUIRE PAYMENT OR SUBSCRIPTION TO ITS
11 PHYSICAL OR DIGITAL PRINT IN ORDER TO VIEW THE NOTICE.

12 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
15 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
16 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
17 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
18 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
19 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
20 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.