

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to legal notices; amending s. 50.011,
3 F.S.; revising construction as to the satisfaction of
4 publication requirements for legal notices; revising
5 requirements for newspapers that are qualified to
6 publish legal notices; defining the term "fiscally
7 constrained county"; authorizing the Internet
8 publication of specified governmental agency notices
9 on newspaper websites in lieu of print publication if
10 certain requirements are met; amending s. 50.021,
11 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
12 act; amending s. 50.0211, F.S.; defining terms;
13 requiring the Florida Press Association to seek to
14 ensure equitable access for minority populations to
15 legal notices posted on the statewide legal notice
16 website; requiring the association to publish and
17 maintain certain reports on the statewide legal notice
18 website; authorizing a governmental agency to choose
19 between print publication or Internet-only publication
20 of specified governmental agency notices with
21 specified newspapers if certain conditions are met;
22 specifying requirements for the placement, format, and
23 accessibility of any such notices; requiring the
24 newspaper to display a specified disclaimer regarding
25 the posting of legal notices; authorizing a newspaper

26 | to charge for Internet-only publication of
 27 | governmental agency notices, subject to specified
 28 | limitations; specifying applicable penalties for
 29 | unauthorized rebates, commissions, or refunds in
 30 | connection with publication charges; requiring a
 31 | governmental agency that publishes governmental agency
 32 | notices by Internet-only publication to publish a
 33 | specified notice in the print edition of a local
 34 | newspaper and on their website; providing for
 35 | construction; amending s. 50.031, F.S.; conforming
 36 | provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss.
 37 | 50.041 and 50.051, F.S.; revising provisions governing
 38 | the uniform affidavit establishing proof of
 39 | publication to conform to changes made by the act;
 40 | amending s. 50.061, F.S.; conforming a cross-
 41 | reference; amending s. 90.902, F.S.; providing for the
 42 | self-authentication of legal notices under the Florida
 43 | Evidence Code; amending ss. 11.02, 120.81, 121.0511,
 44 | 121.055, 125.66, 162.12, 166.041, 189.015, 190.005,
 45 | 190.046, 194.037, 197.402, 200.065, 338.223, 348.0308,
 46 | 348.635, 348.7605, 373.0397, 373.146, 403.722, 849.38,
 47 | and 932.704, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes
 48 | made by the act; providing an effective date.

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 50 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 50.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

50.011 Publication of ~~Where and in what language~~ legal notices ~~to be published.~~ Whenever by statute an official or legal advertisement or a publication, or notice in a newspaper has been or is directed or permitted in the nature of or in lieu of process, or for constructive service, or in initiating, assuming, reviewing, exercising or enforcing jurisdiction or power, or for any purpose, including all legal notices and advertisements of sheriffs and tax collectors, the contemporaneous and continuous intent and meaning of such legislation all and singular, existing or repealed, is and has been and is hereby declared to be and to have been, and the rule of interpretation is and has been the following:

(1) A publication in a newspaper that meets all of the following:

(a) Is printed and published periodically at least once a week.

(b) Contains ~~or oftener, containing~~ at least 25 percent of its words in the English language.

(c) Satisfies one of the following criteria:

1. Has an audience consisting of at least 10 percent of the households in the county or municipality, as determined by the most recent decennial census, where the legal or public

76 | notice is being published or posted, by calculating the
77 | combination of the total of the number of print copies
78 | reflecting the day of highest print circulation, of which at
79 | least 25 percent of such print copies must be delivered to
80 | individuals' home or business addresses, as certified biennially
81 | by a certified independent third-party auditor, and the total
82 | number of online unique monthly visitors to the newspaper's
83 | website from within the state, as measured by industry-accepted
84 | website analytics software. The newspaper must also be sold, or
85 | otherwise available to the public, at no less than 10 publicly
86 | accessible outlets. For legal and public notices published by
87 | nongovernmental entities, the newspaper's audience in the county
88 | or municipality where the project, property, or other primary
89 | subject of the notice is located must meet the 10 percent
90 | threshold.

91 | 2. Holds a periodicals permit as of March 1, 2021, and
92 | accepts legal notices for publication as of that date. Any such
93 | newspaper may continue to publish legal notices through December
94 | 31, 2023, so long as the newspaper continues to meet the
95 | requirements set forth in section 21 of chapter 99-2, Laws of
96 | Florida, and continues to hold a periodicals permit. Beginning
97 | January 1, 2024, and thereafter, any such newspaper must meet
98 | the criteria under subparagraph 1.

99 | 3. For newspapers publishing legal notices in a fiscally
100 | constrained county, holds a periodicals permit and meets all

101 other requirements of this chapter. A newspaper qualified under
102 this subparagraph does not need to meet the criteria under
103 subparagraph 1. so long as the newspaper continues to hold a
104 periodicals permit. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term
105 "fiscally constrained county" means a county within a rural area
106 of opportunity designated by the Governor pursuant to s.
107 288.0656 or a county for which the value of a mill will raise no
108 more than \$5 million in revenue, based on the certified taxable
109 value certified pursuant to s. 1011.62(4)(a)1.a., from the
110 previous July 1.

111 (d) Is, entered or qualified to be admitted and entered as
112 periodicals matter at a post office in the county where
113 published, for sale to the public generally, available to the
114 public generally for the publication of official or other
115 notices with no more than 75 percent of its content dedicated
116 toward advertising, as measured in half of the newspaper's
117 issues that are published during any 12-month period, and
118 customarily containing information of a public character or of
119 interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in
120 the county where published, or of interest or of value to the
121 general public.

122 (e) Continually publishes in a prominent manner the name,
123 street address, phone number, website URL of the newspaper's
124 approved print auditor, the newspaper's most recent statement of
125 ownership, and a statement of the auditor certifying the

126 veracity of the newspaper's print distribution and the number of
127 the newspaper's website's monthly unique visitors, or the
128 newspaper's periodicals permit, if applicable, within the first
129 five pages of the print edition and the bottom portion of the
130 homepage of the newspaper's website.

131 (2) Internet publication for governmental agency notices
132 under s. 50.0211(1)(b) on the website of any newspaper in the
133 county to which the legal notice pertains and on the statewide
134 legal notice website as provided in s. 50.0211(5). A newspaper
135 is deemed to be a newspaper in the county to which the legal
136 notice pertains if it satisfies the criteria in subsection (1).

137 Section 2. Section 50.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to
138 read:

139 50.021 Publication when no newspaper in county.—When any
140 law, or order or decree of court, directs ~~shall direct~~
141 advertisements to be made in a any county and there is ~~be~~ no
142 newspaper published in the ~~said~~ county, the advertisement may be
143 made by publication in any newspaper qualified under chapter 50
144 in an adjoining county or on the website of any such newspaper
145 for governmental agency notices under s. 50.0211(1)(b), and on
146 the statewide legal notice website as provided in s. 50.0211(5)
147 or by posting three copies thereof in three different places in
148 the ~~said~~ county, one of which shall be at the front door of the
149 courthouse, and by publication in the nearest county in which a
150 newspaper is published.

151 Section 3. Section 50.0211, Florida Statutes, is amended
152 to read:

153 50.0211 Internet website publication.—

154 (1) As used in this section, the term:

155 (a) "Governmental agency" means a county, a municipality,
156 a district school board, or any other unit of local government
157 or political subdivision in this state.

158 (b) "Governmental agency notice" includes any of the
159 following notices required by law to be published in a
160 newspaper:

161 1. Notices related to special or legal legislation
162 pursuant to s. 11.02.

163 2. Educational unit notices pursuant to s. 120.81.

164 3. Retirement system notices pursuant to s. 121.0511.

165 4. Notices related to inclusion of positions in the Senior
166 Management Service Class of the Florida Retirement System
167 pursuant to s. 121.055.

168 5. Notices proposing the enactment of county ordinances
169 pursuant to s. 125.66.

170 6. Code enforcement notices published pursuant to s.
171 162.12.

172 7. Notices proposing the enactment of municipal ordinances
173 pursuant to s. 166.041.

174 8. Special district meeting notices pursuant to s.
175 189.015.

176 9. Establishment and termination notices for community
177 development districts pursuant to ss. 190.005 and 190.046,
178 respectively.

179 10. Disclosures of tax impact by value adjustment boards
180 pursuant to s. 194.037.

181 11. Advertisements of real or personal property with
182 delinquent taxes pursuant to s. 197.402.

183 12. Advertisements of hearing notices, millage rates, and
184 budgets pursuant to s. 200.065.

185 13. Turnpike project notices pursuant to s. 338.223.

186 14. Public-private partnership notices pursuant to ss.
187 348.0308 and 348.7605.

188 15. Notices of prime recharge area designations for the
189 Floridan and Biscayne aquifers pursuant to s. 373.0397.

190 16. Water management district notices pursuant to s.
191 373.146.

192 17. Hazardous waste disposal notices pursuant to s.
193 403.722.

194 18. Forfeiture notices pursuant to ss. 849.38 and 932.704.

195 (2) This section applies to legal notices that must be
196 published in accordance with this chapter unless otherwise
197 specified.

198 (3)~~(2)~~ If a governmental agency publishes a legal notice
199 in the print edition of a newspaper, each legal notice must be
200 posted on the newspaper's website on the same day that the

201 printed notice appears in the newspaper, at no additional
202 charge, in a separate web page titled "Legal Notices," "Legal
203 Advertising," or comparable identifying language. A link to the
204 legal notices web page shall be provided on the front page of
205 the newspaper's website that provides access to the legal
206 notices. If there is a specified size and placement required for
207 a printed legal notice, the size and placement of the notice on
208 the newspaper's website must optimize its online visibility in
209 keeping with the print requirements. The newspaper's web pages
210 that contain legal notices must present the legal notices as the
211 dominant and leading subject matter of those pages. The
212 newspaper's website must contain a search function to facilitate
213 searching the legal notices. A fee may not be charged, and
214 registration may not be required, for viewing or searching legal
215 notices on a newspaper's website if the legal notice is
216 published in a newspaper.

217 (4) (a) ~~(3) (a)~~ If a legal notice is published in the print
218 edition of a newspaper or on a newspaper's website, the
219 newspaper publishing the notice shall place the notice on the
220 statewide website established and maintained as an initiative of
221 the Florida Press Association as a repository for such notices
222 located at the following address: www.floridapublicnotices.com.

223 (b) A legal notice placed on the statewide website created
224 under this subsection must be:

225 1. Accessible and searchable by party name and case

226 number.

227 2. Posted for a period of at least 90 consecutive days
228 after the first day of posting.

229 (c) The statewide website created under this subsection
230 shall maintain a searchable archive of all legal notices posted
231 on the publicly accessible website ~~on or after October 1, 2014,~~
232 for 18 months after the first day of posting. Such searchable
233 archive shall be provided and accessible to the general public
234 without charge.

235 (d) The Florida Press Association shall seek to ensure
236 that minority populations throughout the state have equitable
237 access to legal notices posted on the statewide legal notice
238 website located at: www.floridapublicnotices.com. The Florida
239 Press Association shall publish a report listing all newspapers
240 that have placed notices on www.floridapublicnotices.com in the
241 preceding calendar quarter. The report must specifically
242 identify which criteria under s. 50.011(1)(c)1.-3. that each
243 newspaper satisfied. Each quarterly report must also include the
244 number of unique visitors to the statewide legal notice website
245 during that quarter and the number of legal notices that were
246 published during that quarter by Internet-only publication or by
247 publication in a print newspaper and on the statewide website.
248 At a minimum, the reports for the 4 preceding calendar quarters
249 shall be available on the website.

250 (5) (a) In lieu of publishing a legal notice in the print

251 edition of a newspaper of general circulation, a governmental
252 agency may opt for Internet-only publication of governmental
253 agency notices with any newspaper of general circulation within
254 the jurisdiction of the affected governmental agency so long as
255 the governmental agency, after a public hearing noticed in a
256 print edition of a newspaper in accordance with this chapter,
257 makes a determination by a majority of the members of the
258 governing body of the governmental agency that the Internet
259 publication of such governmental agency notices is in the public
260 interest and that the residents within the jurisdiction of the
261 governmental agency have sufficient access to the Internet by
262 broadband service as defined in s. 364.02 or through other means
263 such that Internet-only publication of governmental agency
264 notices would not unreasonably restrict public access. Any such
265 Internet-only publication published in accordance with this
266 subsection must be placed in the legal notices section of the
267 newspaper's website and the statewide legal notice website
268 established under subsection (4). All requirements regarding the
269 format and accessibility of legal notices placed on the
270 newspaper's website and the statewide legal notice website in
271 subsections (3) and (4) also apply to Internet-only publication
272 of legal notices published in accordance with this subsection. A
273 newspaper is deemed to be a newspaper of general circulation
274 within the jurisdiction of the affected governmental agency if
275 it satisfies the criteria in s. 50.011(1).

276 (b) The legal notices section of the print edition of a
277 newspaper must include a disclaimer stating that additional
278 legal notices may be accessed on the newspaper's website and the
279 statewide legal notice website. The legal notices section of the
280 newspaper's website must also include a disclaimer stating that
281 legal notices are also published in the print edition of the
282 newspaper and on the statewide legal notice website.

283 (c) A newspaper may charge for the publication of any
284 governmental agency notice that is published only on the
285 newspaper's website, without rebate, commission, or refund;
286 however, the newspaper may not charge any higher rate for
287 publication than the amount that would be authorized under s.
288 50.061 if the governmental agency notice had been printed in the
289 newspaper. The penalties prescribed in s. 50.061(7) for allowing
290 or accepting any rebate, commission, or refund in connection to
291 the amounts charged for publication also apply to any
292 governmental agency notices that are published only on the
293 Internet in accordance with this subsection.

294 (d) If a governmental agency exercises the option to
295 publish Internet-only governmental agency notices in accordance
296 with this subsection, such agency must provide notice at least
297 once per week in the print edition of a newspaper of general
298 circulation within the region in which the governmental agency
299 is located which states that legal notices pertaining to the
300 agency do not all appear in the print edition of the local

301 newspaper and that additional legal notices may be accessed on
302 the newspaper's website and that a full listing of any legal
303 notices may be accessed on the statewide legal notice website
304 located at www.floridapublicnotices.com. Additionally, any such
305 governmental agency must post a link on its website homepage to
306 a webpage that lists all of the newspapers in which the
307 governmental agency publishes legal notices. A newspaper is
308 deemed to be a newspaper of general circulation within the
309 region in which the governmental agency is located if it
310 satisfies the criteria in s. 50.011(1).

311 (6)~~(4)~~ Newspapers that publish legal notices shall, upon
312 request, provide e-mail notification of new legal notices when
313 they are published ~~printed~~ in the newspaper or on ~~and added to~~
314 the newspaper's website. Such e-mail notification shall be
315 provided without charge, and notification for such an e-mail
316 registry shall be available on the front page of the legal
317 notices section of the newspaper's website.

318 (7) Notwithstanding the authorization of Internet-only
319 publication for certain governmental agency notices in
320 accordance with subsection (5), any other statute requiring the
321 publication of an official legal notice in the print edition of
322 a newspaper may not be construed to be superseded.

323 Section 4. Section 50.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to
324 read:

325 50.031 Newspapers in which legal notices and process may

326 | be published.—No notice or publication required to be published
 327 | in the print edition of a newspaper or on a newspaper's website,
 328 | if authorized, in the nature of or in lieu of process of any
 329 | kind, nature, character or description provided for under any
 330 | law of the state, whether heretofore or hereafter enacted, and
 331 | whether pertaining to constructive service, or the initiating,
 332 | assuming, reviewing, exercising or enforcing jurisdiction or
 333 | power, by any court in this state, or any notice of sale of
 334 | property, real or personal, for taxes, state, county or
 335 | municipal, or sheriff's, guardian's or administrator's or any
 336 | sale made pursuant to any judicial order, decree or statute or
 337 | any other publication or notice pertaining to any affairs of the
 338 | state, or any county, municipality or other political
 339 | subdivision thereof, shall be deemed to have been published in
 340 | accordance with the statutes providing for such publication,
 341 | unless the same shall have been published for the prescribed
 342 | period of time required for such publication, in a newspaper or
 343 | on a newspaper's website which at the time of such publication
 344 | shall have been in existence for 2 years and meets the
 345 | requirements set forth in s. 50.011 ~~1 year and shall have been~~
 346 | ~~entered as periodicals matter at a post office in the county~~
 347 | ~~where published,~~ or in a newspaper which is a direct successor
 348 | of a newspaper which has ~~together have~~ been so published;
 349 | provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall apply
 350 | where in any county there shall be no newspaper in existence

351 which shall have been published for the length of time above
352 prescribed. No legal publication of any kind, nature or
353 description, as herein defined, shall be valid or binding or
354 held to be in compliance with the statutes providing for such
355 publication unless the same shall have been published in
356 accordance with the provisions of this section or s. 50.0211(5).
357 Proof of such publication shall be made by uniform affidavit.

358 Section 5. Section 50.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to
359 read:

360 50.041 Proof of publication; uniform affidavits required.—

361 (1) All affidavits ~~of publishers of newspapers (or their~~
362 ~~official representatives)~~ made for the purpose of establishing
363 proof of publication of public notices or legal advertisements
364 shall be uniform throughout the state.

365 (2) Each such affidavit shall be printed upon white paper
366 and shall be 8 1/2 inches in width and of convenient length, not
367 less than 5 1/2 inches. A white margin of not less than 2 1/2
368 inches shall be left at the right side of each affidavit form
369 and upon or in this space shall be substantially pasted a
370 clipping which shall be a true copy of the public notice or
371 legal advertisement for which proof is executed. Alternatively,
372 the affidavit may be provided in electronic rather than paper
373 form, provided the notarization of the affidavit complies with
374 the requirements of s. 117.021.

375 (3) ~~In all counties having a population in excess of~~

376 | ~~450,000 according to the latest official decennial census, in~~
 377 | ~~addition to the charges which are now or may hereafter be~~
 378 | ~~established by law for the publication of every official notice~~
 379 | ~~or legal advertisement,~~ There may be a charge not to exceed \$2
 380 | levied for the preparation and execution of each such proof of
 381 | publication or ~~publisher's~~ affidavit.

382 | Section 6. Section 50.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 383 | read:

384 | 50.051 Proof of publication; form of uniform affidavit.—
 385 | The printed form upon which all such affidavits establishing
 386 | proof of publication are to be executed shall be substantially
 387 | as follows:

388 | NAME OF COUNTY NEWSPAPER
 389 | ~~Published (Weekly or Daily)~~
 390 | ~~(Town or City) (County) FLORIDA~~

391 | STATE OF FLORIDA

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 393 | COUNTY OF

394 | Before the undersigned authority personally appeared,
 395 | who on oath says that he or she is of the, a
 396 | newspaper published at in County, Florida; that the
 397 | attached copy of advertisement, being a in the matter of
 398 | in the Court, was published in said newspaper by print
 399 | in the issues of or by publication on the newspaper's
 400 | website, if authorized, on ... (date)....

401 Affiant further says that the newspaper complies with all
 402 legal requirements for publication in chapter 50, Florida
 403 Statutes ~~said is a newspaper published at, in said~~
 404 ~~.... County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore~~
 405 ~~been continuously published in said County, Florida, each~~
 406 ~~.... and has been entered as periodicals matter at the post~~
 407 ~~office in, in said County, Florida, for a period of 1~~
 408 ~~year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy~~
 409 ~~of advertisement; and affiant further says that he or she has~~
 410 ~~neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any~~
 411 ~~discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of~~
 412 ~~securing this advertisement for publication in the said~~
 413 ~~newspaper.~~

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 415 Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of,
 416 ...(year)..., by, who is personally known to me or who has
 417 produced (type of identification) as identification.

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 419 ...(Signature of Notary Public)...

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 421 ...(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)...

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 423 ...(Notary Public)...

424 Section 7. Subsection (5) of section 50.061, Florida
 425 Statutes, is amended to read:

CODING: Words **stricken** are deletions; words **underlined** are additions.

426 50.061 Amounts chargeable.—

427 (5) If the public notice is published in the print edition
 428 of a newspaper, the posting of the notice on the newspaper's
 429 website pursuant to s. 50.0211(3) ~~s. 50.0211(2)~~ must be done at
 430 no additional charge.

431 Section 8. Subsection (12) is added to section 90.902,
 432 Florida Statutes, to read:

433 90.902 Self-authentication.—Extrinsic evidence of
 434 authenticity as a condition precedent to admissibility is not
 435 required for:

436 (12) A legal notice published in accordance with the
 437 requirements of chapter 50 in the print edition or on the
 438 website of a qualified newspaper.

439 Section 9. Section 11.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 440 read:

441 11.02 Notice of special or local legislation or certain
 442 relief acts.—The notice required to obtain special or local
 443 legislation or any relief act specified in s. 11.065 shall be by
 444 publishing the identical notice ~~in each county involved in some~~
 445 ~~newspaper~~ as provided ~~defined~~ in chapter 50 ~~published in or~~
 446 circulated throughout the county or counties where the matter or
 447 thing to be affected by such legislation shall be situated one
 448 time at least 30 days before introduction of the proposed law
 449 into the Legislature or, if the notice is not made by Internet
 450 publication as provided in s. 50.0211(5) and there being no

451 newspaper circulated throughout or published in the county, by
 452 posting for at least 30 days at not less than three public
 453 places in the county or each of the counties, one of which
 454 places shall be at the courthouse in the county or counties
 455 where the matter or thing to be affected by such legislation
 456 shall be situated. Notice of special or local legislation shall
 457 state the substance of the contemplated law, as required by s.
 458 10, Art. III of the State Constitution. Notice of any relief act
 459 specified in s. 11.065 shall state the name of the claimant, the
 460 nature of the injury or loss for which the claim is made, and
 461 the amount of the claim against the affected municipality's
 462 revenue-sharing trust fund.

463 Section 10. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
 464 120.81, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

465 120.81 Exceptions and special requirements; general
 466 areas.—

467 (1) EDUCATIONAL UNITS.—

468 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
 469 educational units shall not be required to include the full text
 470 of the rule or rule amendment in notices relating to rules and
 471 need not publish these or other notices in the Florida
 472 Administrative Register, but notice shall be made:

473 1. By publication in a newspaper qualified under chapter
 474 50 ~~of general circulation~~ in the affected area;

475 2. By mail to all persons who have made requests of the

476 educational unit for advance notice of its proceedings and to
477 organizations representing persons affected by the proposed
478 rule; and

479 3. By posting in appropriate places so that those
480 particular classes of persons to whom the intended action is
481 directed may be duly notified.

482 Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 121.0511, Florida
483 Statutes, is amended to read:

484 121.0511 Revocation of election and alternative plan.—The
485 governing body of any municipality or independent special
486 district that has elected to participate in the Florida
487 Retirement System may revoke its election in accordance with the
488 following procedure:

489 (2) At least 7 days, but not more than 15 days, before the
490 hearing, notice of intent to revoke, specifying the time and
491 place of the hearing, must be published as provided in chapter
492 50 in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected,
493 ~~as provided by ss. 50.011-50.031.~~ Proof of publication of the
494 notice must be submitted to the Department of Management
495 Services.

496 Section 12. Paragraphs (b) and (h) of subsection (1) of
497 section 121.055, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

498 121.055 Senior Management Service Class.—There is hereby
499 established a separate class of membership within the Florida
500 Retirement System to be known as the "Senior Management Service

501 Class," which shall become effective February 1, 1987.

502 (1)

503 (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., effective
504 January 1, 1990, participation in the Senior Management Service
505 Class is compulsory for the president of each community college,
506 the manager of each participating municipality or county, and
507 all appointed district school superintendents. Effective January
508 1, 1994, additional positions may be designated for inclusion in
509 the Senior Management Service Class if:

510 a. Positions to be included in the class are designated by
511 the local agency employer. Notice of intent to designate
512 positions for inclusion in the class must be published for at
513 least 2 consecutive weeks if published by Internet publication
514 as provided in s. 50.0211(5) or, if published in print, once a
515 week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper qualified under
516 chapter 50 that is ~~of general circulation~~ published in the
517 county or counties affected, ~~as provided in chapter 50.~~

518 b. Up to 10 nonelective full-time positions may be
519 designated for each local agency employer reporting to the
520 department; for local agencies with 100 or more regularly
521 established positions, additional nonelective full-time
522 positions may be designated, not to exceed 1 percent of the
523 regularly established positions within the agency.

524 c. Each position added to the class must be a managerial
525 or policymaking position filled by an employee who is not

526 | subject to continuing contract and serves at the pleasure of the
527 | local agency employer without civil service protection, and who:

528 | (I) Heads an organizational unit; or

529 | (II) Has responsibility to effect or recommend personnel,
530 | budget, expenditure, or policy decisions in his or her areas of
531 | responsibility.

532 | 2. In lieu of participation in the Senior Management
533 | Service Class, members of the Senior Management Service Class,
534 | pursuant to subparagraph 1., may withdraw from the Florida
535 | Retirement System altogether. The decision to withdraw from the
536 | system is irrevocable as long as the employee holds the
537 | position. Any service creditable under the Senior Management
538 | Service Class shall be retained after the member withdraws from
539 | the system; however, additional service credit in the Senior
540 | Management Service Class may not be earned after such
541 | withdrawal. Such members are not eligible to participate in the
542 | Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program.

543 | 3. Effective January 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006, an
544 | employee who has withdrawn from the Florida Retirement System
545 | under subparagraph 2. has one opportunity to elect to
546 | participate in the pension plan or the investment plan.

547 | a. If the employee elects to participate in the investment
548 | plan, membership shall be prospective, and the applicable
549 | provisions of s. 121.4501(4) govern the election.

550 | b. If the employee elects to participate in the pension

551 plan, the employee shall, upon payment to the system trust fund
552 of the amount calculated under sub-sub-subparagraph (I), receive
553 service credit for prior service based upon the time during
554 which the employee had withdrawn from the system.

555 (I) The cost for such credit shall be an amount
556 representing the actuarial accrued liability for the affected
557 period of service. The cost shall be calculated using the
558 discount rate and other relevant actuarial assumptions that were
559 used to value the pension plan liabilities in the most recent
560 actuarial valuation. The calculation must include any service
561 already maintained under the pension plan in addition to the
562 period of withdrawal. The actuarial accrued liability
563 attributable to any service already maintained under the pension
564 plan shall be applied as a credit to the total cost resulting
565 from the calculation. The division must ensure that the transfer
566 sum is prepared using a formula and methodology certified by an
567 actuary.

568 (II) The employee must transfer a sum representing the net
569 cost owed for the actuarial accrued liability in sub-sub-
570 subparagraph (I) immediately following the time of such
571 movement, determined assuming that attained service equals the
572 sum of service in the pension plan and the period of withdrawal.

573 (h)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 3., effective
574 January 1, 1994, participation in the Senior Management Service
575 Class shall be compulsory for the State Courts Administrator and

576 the Deputy State Courts Administrators, the Clerk of the Supreme
577 Court, the Marshal of the Supreme Court, the Executive Director
578 of the Justice Administrative Commission, the capital collateral
579 regional counsel, the clerks of the district courts of appeals,
580 the marshals of the district courts of appeals, and the trial
581 court administrator and the Chief Deputy Court Administrator in
582 each judicial circuit. Effective January 1, 1994, additional
583 positions in the offices of the state attorney and public
584 defender in each judicial circuit may be designated for
585 inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class of the Florida
586 Retirement System, provided that:

587 a. Positions to be included in the class shall be
588 designated by the state attorney or public defender, as
589 appropriate. Notice of intent to designate positions for
590 inclusion in the class shall be published for at least 2
591 consecutive weeks by Internet publication as provided in s.
592 50.0211(5) or, if published in print, once a week for 2
593 consecutive weeks in a newspaper qualified under chapter 50 of
594 ~~general circulation published~~ in the county or counties
595 affected, ~~as provided in chapter 50.~~

596 b. One nonelective full-time position may be designated
597 for each state attorney and public defender reporting to the
598 Department of Management Services; for agencies with 200 or more
599 regularly established positions under the state attorney or
600 public defender, additional nonelective full-time positions may

601 be designated, not to exceed 0.5 percent of the regularly
602 established positions within the agency.

603 c. Each position added to the class must be a managerial
604 or policymaking position filled by an employee who serves at the
605 pleasure of the state attorney or public defender without civil
606 service protection, and who:

607 (I) Heads an organizational unit; or

608 (II) Has responsibility to effect or recommend personnel,
609 budget, expenditure, or policy decisions in his or her areas of
610 responsibility.

611 2. Participation in this class shall be compulsory, except
612 as provided in subparagraph 3., for any judicial employee who
613 holds a position designated for coverage in the Senior
614 Management Service Class, and such participation shall continue
615 until the employee terminates employment in a covered position.
616 Effective January 1, 2001, participation in this class is
617 compulsory for assistant state attorneys, assistant statewide
618 prosecutors, assistant public defenders, and assistant capital
619 collateral regional counsel. Effective January 1, 2002,
620 participation in this class is compulsory for assistant
621 attorneys general.

622 3. In lieu of participation in the Senior Management
623 Service Class, such members, excluding assistant state
624 attorneys, assistant public defenders, assistant statewide
625 prosecutors, assistant attorneys general, and assistant capital

626 collateral regional counsel, may participate in the Senior
627 Management Service Optional Annuity Program as established in
628 subsection (6).

629 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph
630 (b) of subsection (4) of section 125.66, Florida Statutes, are
631 amended to read:

632 125.66 Ordinances; enactment procedure; emergency
633 ordinances; rezoning or change of land use ordinances or
634 resolutions.—

635 (2) (a) The regular enactment procedure shall be as
636 follows: The board of county commissioners at any regular or
637 special meeting may enact or amend any ordinance, except as
638 provided in subsection (4), if notice of intent to consider such
639 ordinance is given at least 10 days before such ~~prior to said~~
640 meeting by publication as provided in chapter 50 ~~in a newspaper~~
641 ~~of general circulation in the county~~. A copy of such notice
642 shall be kept available for public inspection during the regular
643 business hours of the office of the clerk of the board of county
644 commissioners. The notice of proposed enactment shall state the
645 date, time, and place of the meeting; the title or titles of
646 proposed ordinances; and the place or places within the county
647 where such proposed ordinances may be inspected by the public.
648 The notice shall also advise that interested parties may appear
649 at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed
650 ordinance.

651 (4) Ordinances or resolutions, initiated by other than the
652 county, that change the actual zoning map designation of a
653 parcel or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to
654 subsection (2). Ordinances or resolutions that change the actual
655 list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a
656 zoning category, or ordinances or resolutions initiated by the
657 county that change the actual zoning map designation of a parcel
658 or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to the following
659 procedure:

660 (b) In cases in which the proposed ordinance or resolution
661 changes the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited
662 uses within a zoning category, or changes the actual zoning map
663 designation of a parcel or parcels of land involving 10
664 contiguous acres or more, the board of county commissioners
665 shall provide for public notice and hearings as follows:

666 1. The board of county commissioners shall hold two
667 advertised public hearings on the proposed ordinance or
668 resolution. At least one hearing shall be held after 5 p.m. on a
669 weekday, unless the board of county commissioners, by a majority
670 plus one vote, elects to conduct that hearing at another time of
671 day. The first public hearing shall be held at least 7 days
672 after the day that the first advertisement is published. The
673 second hearing shall be held at least 10 days after the first
674 hearing and shall be advertised at least 5 days prior to the
675 public hearing.

676 2. If published in the print edition of a newspaper, the
677 required advertisements shall be no less than 2 columns wide by
678 10 inches long in a standard size or a tabloid size newspaper,
679 and the headline in the advertisement shall be in a type no
680 smaller than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in
681 that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified
682 advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be placed in a
683 newspaper ~~of general paid circulation~~ in the county and of
684 general interest and readership in the community pursuant to
685 chapter 50, ~~not one of limited subject matter~~. It is the
686 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the advertisement
687 shall appear in a newspaper that is published at least weekly ~~5~~
688 ~~days a week~~ unless the only newspaper in the community is
689 published less than weekly ~~5 days a week~~. The advertisement
690 shall be in substantially the following form:

691 NOTICE OF (TYPE OF) CHANGE

692
693 The ...(name of local governmental unit)... proposes to
694 adopt the following by ordinance or resolution:...(title of
695 ordinance or resolution)....

696 A public hearing on the ordinance or resolution will be
697 held on ...(date and time)... at ...(meeting place)....

698
699 Except for amendments which change the actual list of permitted,
700 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, the

701 advertisement shall contain a geographic location map which
702 clearly indicates the area within the local government covered
703 by the proposed ordinance or resolution. The map shall include
704 major street names as a means of identification of the general
705 area. ~~If In addition to being~~ published in the print edition of
706 the newspaper, the map must be part of any ~~the~~ online notice
707 made ~~required~~ pursuant to s. 50.0211.

708 3. In lieu of publishing the advertisements set out in
709 this paragraph, the board of county commissioners may mail a
710 notice to each person owning real property within the area
711 covered by the ordinance or resolution. Such notice shall
712 clearly explain the proposed ordinance or resolution and shall
713 notify the person of the time, place, and location of both
714 public hearings on the proposed ordinance or resolution.

715 Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
716 162.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

717 162.12 Notices.—

718 (2) In addition to providing notice as set forth in
719 subsection (1), at the option of the code enforcement board or
720 the local government, notice may be served by publication or
721 posting, as follows:

722 (a)1. Such notice shall be published in print or on a
723 newspaper's website and the statewide legal notice website as
724 provided in s. 50.0211(5) for 4 consecutive weeks. If published
725 in print, the notice shall be published once during each week

726 for 4 consecutive weeks (four publications being sufficient) in
727 a newspaper ~~of general circulation~~ in the county where the code
728 enforcement board is located. The newspaper shall meet such
729 requirements as are prescribed under chapter 50 for legal and
730 official advertisements.

731 2. Proof of publication shall be made as provided in ss.
732 50.041 and 50.051.

733 Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
734 166.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

735 166.041 Procedures for adoption of ordinances and
736 resolutions.—

737 (3)

738 (c) Ordinances initiated by other than the municipality
739 that change the actual zoning map designation of a parcel or
740 parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to paragraph (a).
741 Ordinances that change the actual list of permitted,
742 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, or
743 ordinances initiated by the municipality that change the actual
744 zoning map designation of a parcel or parcels of land shall be
745 enacted pursuant to the following procedure:

746 1. In cases in which the proposed ordinance changes the
747 actual zoning map designation for a parcel or parcels of land
748 involving less than 10 contiguous acres, the governing body
749 shall direct the clerk of the governing body to notify by mail
750 each real property owner whose land the municipality will

751 redesignate by enactment of the ordinance and whose address is
752 known by reference to the latest ad valorem tax records. The
753 notice shall state the substance of the proposed ordinance as it
754 affects that property owner and shall set a time and place for
755 one or more public hearings on such ordinance. Such notice shall
756 be given at least 30 days prior to the date set for the public
757 hearing, and a copy of the notice shall be kept available for
758 public inspection during the regular business hours of the
759 office of the clerk of the governing body. The governing body
760 shall hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance and may,
761 upon the conclusion of the hearing, immediately adopt the
762 ordinance.

763 2. In cases in which the proposed ordinance changes the
764 actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within
765 a zoning category, or changes the actual zoning map designation
766 of a parcel or parcels of land involving 10 contiguous acres or
767 more, the governing body shall provide for public notice and
768 hearings as follows:

769 a. The local governing body shall hold two advertised
770 public hearings on the proposed ordinance. At least one hearing
771 shall be held after 5 p.m. on a weekday, unless the local
772 governing body, by a majority plus one vote, elects to conduct
773 that hearing at another time of day. The first public hearing
774 shall be held at least 7 days after the day that the first
775 advertisement is published. The second hearing shall be held at

776 | least 10 days after the first hearing and shall be advertised at
 777 | least 5 days prior to the public hearing.

778 | b. If published in the print edition of a newspaper, the
 779 | required advertisements shall be no less than 2 columns wide by
 780 | 10 inches long in a standard size or a tabloid size newspaper,
 781 | and the headline in the advertisement shall be in a type no
 782 | smaller than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in
 783 | that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified
 784 | advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be placed in a
 785 | newspaper ~~of general paid circulation~~ in the municipality and of
 786 | general interest and readership in the municipality, ~~not one of~~
 787 | ~~limited subject matter,~~ pursuant to chapter 50. It is the
 788 | legislative intent that, whenever possible, the advertisement
 789 | appear in a newspaper that is published at least weekly ~~5 days a~~
 790 | ~~week~~ unless the only newspaper in the municipality is published
 791 | less than weekly ~~5 days a week~~. The advertisement shall be in
 792 | substantially the following form:

793 |
 794 | NOTICE OF (TYPE OF) CHANGE
 795 |

796 | The ...(name of local governmental unit)... proposes to
 797 | adopt the following ordinance:...(title of the ordinance)....

798 | A public hearing on the ordinance will be held on ...(date
 799 | and time)... at ...(meeting place)....
 800 |

801 Except for amendments which change the actual list of permitted,
 802 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, the
 803 advertisement shall contain a geographic location map which
 804 clearly indicates the area covered by the proposed ordinance.
 805 The map shall include major street names as a means of
 806 identification of the general area. If ~~In addition to being~~
 807 published in the print edition of the newspaper, the map must
 808 also be part of any ~~the~~ online notice made ~~required~~ pursuant to
 809 s. 50.0211.

810 c. In lieu of publishing the advertisement set out in this
 811 paragraph, the municipality may mail a notice to each person
 812 owning real property within the area covered by the ordinance.
 813 Such notice shall clearly explain the proposed ordinance and
 814 shall notify the person of the time, place, and location of any
 815 public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

816 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 189.015, Florida
 817 Statutes, is amended to read:

818 189.015 Meetings; notice; required reports.—

819 (1) The governing body of each special district shall file
 820 quarterly, semiannually, or annually a schedule of its regular
 821 meetings with the local governing authority or authorities. The
 822 schedule shall include the date, time, and location of each
 823 scheduled meeting. The schedule shall be published quarterly,
 824 semiannually, or annually ~~in a newspaper of general paid~~
 825 ~~circulation~~ in the manner required in this subsection. The

826 governing body of an independent special district shall
827 advertise the day, time, place, and purpose of any meeting other
828 than a regular meeting or any recessed and reconvened meeting of
829 the governing body, at least 7 days before such meeting as
830 provided in chapter 50, ~~in a newspaper of general paid~~
831 ~~circulation~~ in the county or counties in which the special
832 district is located, unless a bona fide emergency situation
833 exists, in which case a meeting to deal with the emergency may
834 be held as necessary, with reasonable notice, so long as it is
835 subsequently ratified by the governing body. No approval of the
836 annual budget shall be granted at an emergency meeting. The
837 notice shall be posted as provided in ~~advertisement shall be~~
838 ~~placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and~~
839 ~~classified advertisements appear. The advertisement shall appear~~
840 ~~in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week, unless~~
841 ~~the only newspaper in the county is published fewer than 5 days~~
842 ~~a week. The newspaper selected must be one of general interest~~
843 ~~and readership in the community and not one of limited subject~~
844 ~~matter, pursuant to~~ chapter 50. Any other provision of law to
845 the contrary notwithstanding, and except in the case of
846 emergency meetings, water management districts may provide
847 reasonable notice of public meetings held to evaluate responses
848 to solicitations issued by the water management district, as
849 provided in chapter 50 by Internet publication or by publication
850 ~~by publication in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the~~

851 county where the principal office of the water management
852 district is located, or in the county or counties where the
853 public work will be performed, no less than 7 days before such
854 meeting.

855 Section 17. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
856 190.005, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

857 190.005 Establishment of district.—

858 (1) The exclusive and uniform method for the establishment
859 of a community development district with a size of 2,500 acres
860 or more shall be pursuant to a rule, adopted under chapter 120
861 by the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, granting
862 a petition for the establishment of a community development
863 district.

864 (d) A local public hearing on the petition shall be
865 conducted by a hearing officer in conformance with the
866 applicable requirements and procedures of the Administrative
867 Procedure Act. The hearing shall include oral and written
868 comments on the petition pertinent to the factors specified in
869 paragraph (e). The hearing shall be held at an accessible
870 location in the county in which the community development
871 district is to be located. The petitioner shall cause a notice
872 of the hearing to be published for 4 successive weeks on a
873 newspaper's website and the statewide legal notice website
874 provided in s. 50.0211(5) or, if published in print, in a
875 newspaper at least once a week for the 4 successive weeks

876 immediately prior to the hearing as provided in chapter 50. Such
877 notice shall give the time and place for the hearing, a
878 description of the area to be included in the district, which
879 description shall include a map showing clearly the area to be
880 covered by the district, and any other relevant information
881 which the establishing governing bodies may require. If
882 published in the print edition of a newspaper, the advertisement
883 may ~~shall~~ not be placed in the ~~that~~ portion of the newspaper
884 where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The
885 advertisement must ~~shall~~ be published in a newspaper ~~of general~~
886 ~~paid circulation~~ in the county and of general interest and
887 readership in the community, ~~not one of limited subject matter~~,
888 pursuant to chapter 50. Whenever possible, the advertisement
889 shall appear in a newspaper that is published at least weekly ~~5~~
890 ~~days a week~~, unless the only newspaper in the community is
891 published less than weekly ~~fewer than 5 days a week~~. If the
892 notice is ~~In addition to being~~ published in the print edition of
893 the newspaper, the map ~~referenced above~~ must also be included in
894 any part of the online advertisement ~~required~~ pursuant to s.
895 50.0211. All affected units of general-purpose local government
896 and the general public shall be given an opportunity to appear
897 at the hearing and present oral or written comments on the
898 petition.

899 Section 18. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section
900 190.046, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

901 190.046 Termination, contraction, or expansion of
 902 district.—

903 (1) A landowner or the board may petition to contract or
 904 expand the boundaries of a community development district in the
 905 following manner:

906 (h) For a petition to establish a new community
 907 development district of less than 2,500 acres on land located
 908 solely in one county or one municipality, sufficiently
 909 contiguous lands located within the county or municipality which
 910 the petitioner anticipates adding to the boundaries of the
 911 district within 10 years after the effective date of the
 912 ordinance establishing the district may also be identified. If
 913 such sufficiently contiguous land is identified, the petition
 914 must include a legal description of each additional parcel
 915 within the sufficiently contiguous land, the current owner of
 916 the parcel, the acreage of the parcel, and the current land use
 917 designation of the parcel. At least 14 days before the hearing
 918 required under s. 190.005(2)(b), the petitioner must give the
 919 current owner of each such parcel notice of filing the petition
 920 to establish the district, the date and time of the public
 921 hearing on the petition, and the name and address of the
 922 petitioner. A parcel may not be included in the district without
 923 the written consent of the owner of the parcel.

924 1. After establishment of the district, a person may
 925 petition the county or municipality to amend the boundaries of

926 | the district to include a previously identified parcel that was
 927 | a proposed addition to the district before its establishment. A
 928 | filing fee may not be charged for this petition. Each such
 929 | petition must include:

930 | a. A legal description by metes and bounds of the parcel
 931 | to be added;

932 | b. A new legal description by metes and bounds of the
 933 | district;

934 | c. Written consent of all owners of the parcel to be
 935 | added;

936 | d. A map of the district including the parcel to be added;

937 | e. A description of the development proposed on the
 938 | additional parcel; and

939 | f. A copy of the original petition identifying the parcel
 940 | to be added.

941 | 2. Before filing with the county or municipality, the
 942 | person must provide the petition to the district and to the
 943 | owner of the proposed additional parcel, if the owner is not the
 944 | petitioner.

945 | 3. Once the petition is determined sufficient and
 946 | complete, the county or municipality must process the addition
 947 | of the parcel to the district as an amendment to the ordinance
 948 | that establishes the district. The county or municipality may
 949 | process all petitions to amend the ordinance for parcels
 950 | identified in the original petition, even if, by adding such

951 parcels, the district exceeds 2,500 acres.

952 4. The petitioner shall cause to be published in a
953 newspaper qualified to publish legal notices ~~of general~~
954 ~~circulation~~ in the proposed district a notice of the intent to
955 amend the ordinance that establishes the district. The notice
956 must be in addition to any notice required for adoption of the
957 ordinance amendment. Such notice must be published as provided
958 in chapter 50 at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing on
959 the ordinance amendment ~~and may be published in the section of~~
960 ~~the newspaper reserved for legal notices~~. The notice must
961 include a general description of the land to be added to the
962 district and the date and time of the scheduled hearing to amend
963 the ordinance. The petitioner shall deliver, including by mail
964 or hand delivery, the notice of the hearing on the ordinance
965 amendment to the owner of the parcel and to the district at
966 least 14 days before the scheduled hearing.

967 5. The amendment of a district by the addition of a parcel
968 pursuant to this paragraph does not alter the transition from
969 landowner voting to qualified elector voting pursuant to s.
970 190.006, even if the total size of the district after the
971 addition of the parcel exceeds 5,000 acres. Upon adoption of the
972 ordinance expanding the district, the petitioner must cause to
973 be recorded a notice of boundary amendment which reflects the
974 new boundaries of the district.

975 6. This paragraph is intended to facilitate the orderly

976 addition of lands to a district under certain circumstances and
977 does not preclude the addition of lands to any district using
978 the procedures in the other provisions of this section.

979 Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 194.037, Florida
980 Statutes, is amended to read:

981 194.037 Disclosure of tax impact.—

982 (1) After hearing all petitions, complaints, appeals, and
983 disputes, the clerk shall make public notice of the findings and
984 results of the board as provided in chapter 50. If published in
985 the print edition of a newspaper, the notice must be in at least
986 a quarter-page size advertisement of a standard size or tabloid
987 size newspaper, and the headline shall be in a type no smaller
988 than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in that
989 portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified
990 advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be published in a
991 newspaper ~~of general paid circulation~~ in the county. The
992 newspaper selected shall be one of general interest and
993 readership in the community, ~~and not one of limited subject~~
994 ~~matter,~~ pursuant to chapter 50. For all advertisements published
995 pursuant to this section, the headline shall read: TAX IMPACT OF
996 VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD. The public notice shall list the members
997 of the value adjustment board and the taxing authorities to
998 which they are elected. The form shall show, in columnar form,
999 for each of the property classes listed under subsection (2),
1000 the following information, with appropriate column totals:

1001 (a) In the first column, the number of parcels for which
 1002 the board granted exemptions that had been denied or that had
 1003 not been acted upon by the property appraiser.

1004 (b) In the second column, the number of parcels for which
 1005 petitions were filed concerning a property tax exemption.

1006 (c) In the third column, the number of parcels for which
 1007 the board considered the petition and reduced the assessment
 1008 from that made by the property appraiser on the initial
 1009 assessment roll.

1010 (d) In the fourth column, the number of parcels for which
 1011 petitions were filed but not considered by the board because
 1012 such petitions were withdrawn or settled prior to the board's
 1013 consideration.

1014 (e) In the fifth column, the number of parcels for which
 1015 petitions were filed requesting a change in assessed value,
 1016 including requested changes in assessment classification.

1017 (f) In the sixth column, the net change in taxable value
 1018 from the assessor's initial roll which results from board
 1019 decisions.

1020 (g) In the seventh column, the net shift in taxes to
 1021 parcels not granted relief by the board. The shift shall be
 1022 computed as the amount shown in column 6 multiplied by the
 1023 applicable millage rates adopted by the taxing authorities in
 1024 hearings held pursuant to s. 200.065(2)(d) or adopted by vote of
 1025 the electors pursuant to s. 9(b) or s. 12, Art. VII of the State

1026 Constitution, but without adjustment as authorized pursuant to
 1027 s. 200.065(6). If for any taxing authority the hearing has not
 1028 been completed at the time the notice required herein is
 1029 prepared, the millage rate used shall be that adopted in the
 1030 hearing held pursuant to s. 200.065(2)(c).

1031 Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 197.402, Florida
 1032 Statutes, is amended to read:

1033 197.402 Advertisement of real or personal property with
 1034 delinquent taxes.—

1035 (1) If advertisements are required, the board of county
 1036 commissioners shall make such notice ~~select the newspaper~~ as
 1037 provided in chapter 50. The tax collector shall pay all
 1038 ~~newspaper~~ charges, and the proportionate cost of the
 1039 advertisements shall be added to the delinquent taxes collected.

1040 Section 21. Subsection (3) of section 200.065, Florida
 1041 Statutes, is amended to read:

1042 200.065 Method of fixing millage.—

1043 (3) The advertisement shall be published as provided in
 1044 chapter 50. If the advertisement is published in the print
 1045 edition of a newspaper, the advertisement must be no less than
 1046 one-quarter page in size of a standard size or a tabloid size
 1047 newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement shall be in a
 1048 type no smaller than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be
 1049 placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and
 1050 classified advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be

1051 published in a newspaper ~~of general paid circulation~~ in the
 1052 county or in a geographically limited insert of such newspaper.
 1053 The geographic boundaries in which such insert is circulated
 1054 shall include the geographic boundaries of the taxing authority.
 1055 It is the legislative intent that, whenever possible, the
 1056 advertisement appear in a newspaper that is published at least
 1057 weekly ~~5 days a week~~ unless the only newspaper in the county is
 1058 published less than weekly ~~5 days a week~~, or that the
 1059 advertisement appear in a geographically limited insert of such
 1060 newspaper which insert is published throughout the taxing
 1061 authority's jurisdiction at least twice each week. It is further
 1062 the legislative intent that the newspaper selected be one of
 1063 general interest and readership in the community ~~and not one of~~
 1064 ~~limited subject matter~~, pursuant to chapter 50.

1065 (a) For taxing authorities other than school districts
 1066 which have tentatively adopted a millage rate in excess of 100
 1067 percent of the rolled-back rate computed pursuant to subsection
 1068 (1), the advertisement shall be in the following form:

1069 NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

1070
 1071 The ...(name of the taxing authority)... has tentatively
 1072 adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

1073 Last year's property tax levy:

- 1074 A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$XX,XXX,XXX
- 1075 B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and

1076 other assessment changes..... (\$XX,XXX,XXX)

1077 C. Actual property tax levy.....\$XX,XXX,XXX

1078 This year's proposed tax levy.....\$XX,XXX,XXX

1079 All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public
 1080 hearing on the tax increase to be held on ...(date and time)...
 1081 at ...(meeting place)....

1082
 1083 A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the
 1084 budget will be made at this hearing.

1085 (b) In all instances in which the provisions of paragraph
 1086 (a) are inapplicable for taxing authorities other than school
 1087 districts, the advertisement shall be in the following form:

1088
 1089 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

1090
 1091 The ...(name of taxing authority)... has tentatively
 1092 adopted a budget for ...(fiscal year).... A public hearing to
 1093 make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on
 1094 ...(date and time)... at ...(meeting place)....

1095
 1096 (c) For school districts which have proposed a millage
 1097 rate in excess of 100 percent of the rolled-back rate computed
 1098 pursuant to subsection (1) and which propose to levy nonvoted
 1099 millage in excess of the minimum amount required pursuant to s.
 1100 1011.60(6), the advertisement shall be in the following form:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The ...(name of school district)... will soon consider a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$XX,XXX,XXX

B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes..... (\$XX,XXX,XXX)

C. Actual property tax levy.....\$XX,XXX,XXX

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$XX,XXX,XXX

A portion of the tax levy is required under state law in order for the school board to receive \$...(amount A)... in state education grants. The required portion has ...(increased or decreased)... by ...(amount B)... percent and represents approximately ...(amount C)... of the total proposed taxes.

The remainder of the taxes is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on ...(date and time)... at ...(meeting place)....

A DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

1. AMOUNT A shall be an estimate, provided by the Department of Education, of the amount to be received in the current fiscal year by the district from state appropriations

1126 | for the Florida Education Finance Program.

1127 | 2. AMOUNT B shall be the percent increase over the rolled-
 1128 | back rate necessary to levy only the required local effort in
 1129 | the current fiscal year, computed as though in the preceding
 1130 | fiscal year only the required local effort was levied.

1131 | 3. AMOUNT C shall be the quotient of required local-effort
 1132 | millage divided by the total proposed nonvoted millage, rounded
 1133 | to the nearest tenth and stated in words; however, the stated
 1134 | amount shall not exceed nine-tenths.

1135 | (d) For school districts which have proposed a millage
 1136 | rate in excess of 100 percent of the rolled-back rate computed
 1137 | pursuant to subsection (1) and which propose to levy as nonvoted
 1138 | millage only the minimum amount required pursuant to s.
 1139 | 1011.60(6), the advertisement shall be the same as provided in
 1140 | paragraph (c), except that the second and third paragraphs shall
 1141 | be replaced with the following paragraph:

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 1143 | This increase is required under state law in order for the
 1144 | school board to receive \$...(amount A)... in state education
 1145 | grants.

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 1147 | (e) In all instances in which the provisions of paragraphs
 1148 | (c) and (d) are inapplicable for school districts, the
 1149 | advertisement shall be in the following form:

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The ...(name of school district)... will soon consider a budget for ...(fiscal year).... A public hearing to make a DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on ...(date and time)... at ...(meeting place)....

(f) In lieu of publishing the notice set out in this subsection, the taxing authority may mail a copy of the notice to each elector residing within the jurisdiction of the taxing authority.

(g) In the event that the mailing of the notice of proposed property taxes is delayed beyond September 3 in a county, any multicounty taxing authority which levies ad valorem taxes within that county shall advertise its intention to adopt a tentative budget and millage rate in a newspaper ~~of paid general circulation~~ within that county which meets the requirements of chapter 50, as provided in this subsection, and shall hold the hearing required pursuant to paragraph (2)(c) not less than 2 days or more than 5 days thereafter, and not later than September 18. The advertisement shall be in the following form, unless the proposed millage rate is less than or equal to the rolled-back rate, computed pursuant to subsection (1), in which case the advertisement shall be as provided in paragraph (e):

NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE

The ...(name of the taxing authority)... proposes to increase its property tax levy by ...(percentage of increase over rolled-back rate)... percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the proposed tax increase to be held on ...(date and time)... at ...(meeting place)....

(h) In no event shall any taxing authority add to or delete from the language of the advertisements as specified herein unless expressly authorized by law, except that, if an increase in ad valorem tax rates will affect only a portion of the jurisdiction of a taxing authority, advertisements may include a map or geographical description of the area to be affected and the proposed use of the tax revenues under consideration. In addition, if published in the print edition of the newspaper or only published on the Internet in accordance with s. 50.0211(5), the map must be included in ~~part of~~ the online advertisement required by s. 50.0211. The advertisements required herein shall not be accompanied, preceded, or followed by other advertising or notices which conflict with or modify the substantive content prescribed herein.

(i) The advertisements required pursuant to paragraphs (b) and (e) need not be one-quarter page in size or have a headline

1201 in type no smaller than 18 point.

1202 (j) The amounts to be published as percentages of increase
 1203 over the rolled-back rate pursuant to this subsection shall be
 1204 based on aggregate millage rates and shall exclude voted millage
 1205 levies unless expressly provided otherwise in this subsection.

1206 (k) Any taxing authority which will levy an ad valorem tax
 1207 for an upcoming budget year but does not levy an ad valorem tax
 1208 currently shall, in the advertisement specified in paragraph
 1209 (a), paragraph (c), paragraph (d), or paragraph (g), replace the
 1210 phrase "increase its property tax levy by ...(percentage of
 1211 increase over rolled-back rate)... percent" with the phrase
 1212 "impose a new property tax levy of \$...(amount)... per \$1,000
 1213 value."

1214 (l) Any advertisement required pursuant to this section
 1215 shall be accompanied by an adjacent notice meeting the budget
 1216 summary requirements of s. 129.03(3)(b). Except for those taxing
 1217 authorities proposing to levy ad valorem taxes for the first
 1218 time, the following statement shall appear in the budget summary
 1219 in boldfaced type immediately following the heading, if the
 1220 applicable percentage is greater than zero:

1221
 1222 THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF ...(name of
 1223 taxing authority)... ARE ...(percent rounded to one decimal
 1224 place)... MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.
 1225

1226 For purposes of this paragraph, "proposed operating budget
 1227 expenditures" or "operating expenditures" means all moneys of
 1228 the local government, including dependent special districts,
 1229 that:

1230 1. Were or could be expended during the applicable fiscal
 1231 year, or

1232 2. Were or could be retained as a balance for future
 1233 spending in the fiscal year.

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1235 Provided, however, those moneys held in or used in trust,
 1236 agency, or internal service funds, and expenditures of bond
 1237 proceeds for capital outlay or for advanced refunded debt
 1238 principal, shall be excluded.

1239 Section 22. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
 1240 338.223, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1241 338.223 Proposed turnpike projects.—

1242 (1)

1243 (c) Prior to requesting legislative approval of a proposed
 1244 turnpike project, the environmental feasibility of the proposed
 1245 project shall be reviewed by the Department of Environmental
 1246 Protection. The department shall submit its Project Development
 1247 and Environmental Report to the Department of Environmental
 1248 Protection, along with a draft copy of a public notice. Within
 1249 14 days of receipt of the draft public notice, the Department of
 1250 Environmental Protection shall return the draft public notice to

1251 the Department of Transportation with an approval of the
1252 language or modifications to the language. Upon receipt of the
1253 approved or modified draft, or if no comments are provided
1254 within 14 days, the Department of Transportation shall publish
1255 the notice as provided in chapter 50 ~~in a newspaper~~ to provide a
1256 30-day public comment period. If published in the print edition
1257 of a newspaper, the headline of the required notice shall be in
1258 a type no smaller than 18 point, ~~the notice~~ shall be placed in
1259 that portion of the newspaper where legal notices appear, and ~~-~~
1260 ~~The notice~~ shall be published in a newspaper qualified to
1261 publish legal notices ~~of general circulation~~ in the county or
1262 counties of general interest and readership in the community as
1263 provided in s. 50.031, ~~not one of limited subject matter.~~
1264 Whenever possible, the notice shall appear in a newspaper that
1265 is published at least weekly ~~5 days a week.~~ All notices
1266 published pursuant to this section ~~The notice~~ shall include, at
1267 a minimum ~~but is not limited to,~~ the following information:
1268 1. The purpose of the notice is to provide for a 30-day
1269 period for written public comments on the environmental impacts
1270 of a proposed turnpike project.
1271 2. The name and description of the project, along with a
1272 geographic location map clearly indicating the area where the
1273 proposed project will be located.
1274 3. The address where such comments must be sent and the
1275 date such comments are due.

1276
1277 After a review of the department's report and any public
1278 comments, the Department of Environmental Protection shall
1279 submit a statement of environmental feasibility to the
1280 department within 30 days after the date on which public
1281 comments are due. The notice and the statement of environmental
1282 feasibility shall not give rise to any rights to a hearing or
1283 other rights or remedies provided pursuant to chapter 120 or
1284 chapter 403, and shall not bind the Department of Environmental
1285 Protection in any subsequent environmental permit review.

1286 Section 23. Subsection (3) of section 348.0308, Florida
1287 Statutes, is amended to read:

1288 348.0308 Public-private partnership.—The Legislature
1289 declares that there is a public need for the rapid construction
1290 of safe and efficient transportation facilities for traveling
1291 within the state and that it is in the public's interest to
1292 provide for public-private partnership agreements to effectuate
1293 the construction of additional safe, convenient, and economical
1294 transportation facilities.

1295 (3) The agency may request proposals for public-private
1296 transportation projects or, if it receives an unsolicited
1297 proposal, it must publish a notice in the Florida Administrative
1298 Register and, as provided in chapter 50, by Internet publication
1299 or by print in a newspaper qualified to publish legal notices ~~of~~
1300 ~~general circulation~~ in the county in which the project ~~it~~ is

1301 located at least once a week for 2 weeks stating that it has
1302 received the proposal and will accept, for 60 days after the
1303 initial date of publication, other proposals for the same
1304 project purpose. A copy of the notice must be mailed to each
1305 local government in the affected areas. After the public
1306 notification period has expired, the agency shall rank the
1307 proposals in order of preference. In ranking the proposals, the
1308 agency shall consider professional qualifications, general
1309 business terms, innovative engineering or cost-reduction terms,
1310 finance plans, and the need for state funds to deliver the
1311 proposal. If the agency is not satisfied with the results of the
1312 negotiations, it may, at its sole discretion, terminate
1313 negotiations with the proposer. If these negotiations are
1314 unsuccessful, the agency may go to the second and lower-ranked
1315 firms, in order, using the same procedure. If only one proposal
1316 is received, the agency may negotiate in good faith, and if it
1317 is not satisfied with the results, it may, at its sole
1318 discretion, terminate negotiations with the proposer. The agency
1319 may, at its discretion, reject all proposals at any point in the
1320 process up to completion of a contract with the proposer.

1321 Section 24. Subsection (3) of section 348.635, Florida
1322 Statutes, is amended to read:

1323 348.635 Public-private partnership.—The Legislature
1324 declares that there is a public need for the rapid construction
1325 of safe and efficient transportation facilities for traveling

1326 within the state and that it is in the public's interest to
1327 provide for public-private partnership agreements to effectuate
1328 the construction of additional safe, convenient, and economical
1329 transportation facilities.

1330 (3) The authority may request proposals for public-private
1331 transportation projects or, if it receives an unsolicited
1332 proposal, it must publish a notice in the Florida Administrative
1333 Register and, as provided in chapter 50, by either Internet
1334 publication or by print in ~~and~~ a newspaper ~~of general~~
1335 ~~circulation~~ in the county in which the project ~~it~~ is located at
1336 least once a week for 2 weeks stating that it has received the
1337 proposal and will accept, for 60 days after the initial date of
1338 publication, other proposals for the same project purpose. A
1339 copy of the notice must be mailed to each local government in
1340 the affected areas. After the public notification period has
1341 expired, the authority shall rank the proposals in order of
1342 preference. In ranking the proposals, the authority shall
1343 consider professional qualifications, general business terms,
1344 innovative engineering or cost-reduction terms, finance plans,
1345 and the need for state funds to deliver the proposal. If the
1346 authority is not satisfied with the results of the negotiations,
1347 it may, at its sole discretion, terminate negotiations with the
1348 proposer. If these negotiations are unsuccessful, the authority
1349 may go to the second and lower-ranked firms, in order, using the
1350 same procedure. If only one proposal is received, the authority

1351 may negotiate in good faith, and if it is not satisfied with the
1352 results, it may, at its sole discretion, terminate negotiations
1353 with the proposer. The authority may, at its discretion, reject
1354 all proposals at any point in the process up to completion of a
1355 contract with the proposer.

1356 Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 348.7605, Florida
1357 Statutes, is amended to read:

1358 348.7605 Public-private partnership.—The Legislature
1359 declares that there is a public need for the rapid construction
1360 of safe and efficient transportation facilities for traveling
1361 within the state and that it is in the public's interest to
1362 provide for public-private partnership agreements to effectuate
1363 the construction of additional safe, convenient, and economical
1364 transportation facilities.

1365 (3) The authority may request proposals for public-private
1366 transportation projects or, if it receives an unsolicited
1367 proposal, it must publish a notice in the Florida Administrative
1368 Register and, as provided in chapter 50, by either Internet
1369 publication or by print in a newspaper of general circulation in
1370 the county in which the project ~~it~~ is located at least once a
1371 week for 2 weeks stating that it has received the proposal and
1372 will accept, for 60 days after the initial date of publication,
1373 other proposals for the same project purpose. A copy of the
1374 notice must be mailed to each local government in the affected
1375 areas. After the public notification period has expired, the

1376 authority shall rank the proposals in order of preference. In
 1377 ranking the proposals, the authority shall consider professional
 1378 qualifications, general business terms, innovative engineering
 1379 or cost-reduction terms, finance plans, and the need for state
 1380 funds to deliver the proposal. If the authority is not satisfied
 1381 with the results of the negotiations, it may, at its sole
 1382 discretion, terminate negotiations with the proposer. If these
 1383 negotiations are unsuccessful, the authority may go to the
 1384 second and lower-ranked firms, in order, using the same
 1385 procedure. If only one proposal is received, the authority may
 1386 negotiate in good faith, and if it is not satisfied with the
 1387 results, it may, at its sole discretion, terminate negotiations
 1388 with the proposer. The authority may, at its discretion, reject
 1389 all proposals at any point in the process up to completion of a
 1390 contract with the proposer.

1391 Section 26. Section 373.0397, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1392 to read:

1393 373.0397 Floridan and Biscayne aquifers; designation of
 1394 prime groundwater recharge areas.—Upon preparation of an
 1395 inventory of prime groundwater recharge areas for the Floridan
 1396 or Biscayne aquifers, but prior to adoption by the governing
 1397 board, the water management district shall publish a legal
 1398 notice of public hearing on the designated areas for the
 1399 Floridan and Biscayne aquifers, with a map delineating the
 1400 boundaries of the areas, as provided ~~in newspapers defined in~~

1401 chapter 50 ~~as having general circulation within the area to be~~
 1402 ~~affected~~. The notice shall be at least one-fourth page and shall
 1403 read as follows:

1404
 1405 NOTICE OF PRIME RECHARGE
 1406 AREA DESIGNATION

1407
 1408 The ...(name of taxing authority)... proposes to designate
 1409 specific land areas as areas of prime recharge to the ...(name
 1410 of aquifer)... Aquifer.

1411 All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public
 1412 hearing on the proposed designation to be held on ...(date and
 1413 time)... at ...(meeting place)....

1414 A map of the affected areas follows.

1415
 1416 The governing board of the water management district shall adopt
 1417 a designation of prime groundwater recharge areas to the
 1418 Floridan and Biscayne aquifers by rule within 120 days after the
 1419 public hearing, subject to the provisions of chapter 120.

1420 Section 27. Section 373.146, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1421 to read:

1422 373.146 Publication of notices, process, and papers.—

1423 (1) Whenever in this chapter the publication of any
 1424 notice, process, or paper is required or provided for, unless
 1425 otherwise provided by law, the publication thereof ~~in some~~

1426 ~~newspaper or newspapers~~ as provided ~~defined~~ in chapter 50 is
1427 ~~having general circulation within the area to be affected shall~~
1428 ~~be taken and considered as being sufficient.~~

1429 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
1430 contrary, and except in the case of emergency meetings, water
1431 management districts may provide reasonable notice of public
1432 meetings held to evaluate responses to solicitations issued by
1433 the water management district, by publication as provided in
1434 chapter 50 ~~in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the~~
1435 ~~county where the principal office of the water management~~
1436 ~~district is located, or in the county or counties where the~~
1437 ~~public work will be performed, no less than 7 days before such~~
1438 meeting.

1439 Section 28. Subsection (12) of section 403.722, Florida
1440 Statutes, is amended to read:

1441 403.722 Permits; hazardous waste disposal, storage, and
1442 treatment facilities.—

1443 (12) On the same day of filing with the department of an
1444 application for a permit for the construction modification, or
1445 operation of a hazardous waste facility, the applicant shall
1446 notify each city and county within 1 mile of the facility of the
1447 filing of the application and shall publish notice of the filing
1448 of the application. The applicant shall publish a second notice
1449 of the filing within 14 days after the date of filing. Each
1450 notice shall be published as provided in chapter 50 ~~in a~~

1451 ~~newspaper of general circulation~~ in the county in which the
1452 facility is located or is proposed to be located.
1453 ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 50, for purposes of~~
1454 ~~this section, a "newspaper of general circulation" shall be the~~
1455 ~~newspaper within the county in which the installation or~~
1456 ~~facility is proposed which has the largest daily circulation in~~
1457 ~~that county and has its principal office in that county. If the~~
1458 ~~newspaper with the largest daily circulation has its principal~~
1459 ~~office outside the county, the notice shall appear in both the~~
1460 ~~newspaper with the largest daily circulation in that county, and~~
1461 ~~a newspaper authorized to publish legal notices in that county.~~

1462 The notice shall contain:

1463 (a) The name of the applicant and a brief description of
1464 the project and its location.

1465 (b) The location of the application file and when it is
1466 available for public inspection.

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1468 The notice shall be prepared by the applicant and shall comply
1469 with the following format:

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1471 Notice of Application

1472 The Department of Environmental Protection announces receipt of
1473 an application for a permit from ...(name of applicant)... to
1474 ...(brief description of project).... This proposed project will
1475 be located at ...(location)... in ...(county)... ...(city)....

1476
 1477 This application is being processed and is available for public
 1478 inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
 1479 Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at ...(name and
 1480 address of office)....

1481 Section 29. Subsection (5) of section 849.38, Florida
 1482 Statutes, is amended to read:

1483 849.38 Proceedings for forfeiture; notice of seizure and
 1484 order to show cause.—

1485 (5) If the value of the property seized is shown by the
 1486 sheriff's return to have an appraised value of \$1,000 or less,
 1487 the above citation shall be served by posting at three public
 1488 places in the county, one of which shall be the front door of
 1489 the courthouse; if the value of the property is shown by the
 1490 sheriff's return to have an approximate value of more than
 1491 \$1,000, the citation shall be published by print or posted for
 1492 at least 2 consecutive weeks on a newspaper's website and the
 1493 statewide legal notice website in accordance with s. 50.0211(5).
 1494 If published in print, the citation shall appear at least once
 1495 each week for 2 consecutive weeks in a ~~some~~ newspaper qualified
 1496 to publish legal notices under chapter 50 that is ~~of general~~
 1497 publication published in the county, if there is ~~be~~ such a
 1498 newspaper published in the county. ~~and~~ If there is no such
 1499 newspaper ~~not, the then said~~ notice of such publication shall be
 1500 made by certificate of the clerk if publication is made by

1501 posting, and by affidavit as provided in chapter 50, if made by
 1502 publication as provided in chapter 50 ~~in a newspaper~~, which
 1503 affidavit or certificate shall be filed and become a part of the
 1504 record in the cause. Failure of the record to show proof of such
 1505 publication shall not affect any judgment made in the cause
 1506 unless it shall affirmatively appear that no such publication
 1507 was made.

1508 Section 30. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
 1509 932.704, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1510 932.704 Forfeiture proceedings.—

1511 (6) (a) If the property is required by law to be titled or
 1512 registered, or if the owner of the property is known in fact to
 1513 the seizing agency, or if the seized property is subject to a
 1514 perfected security interest in accordance with the Uniform
 1515 Commercial Code, chapter 679, the attorney for the seizing
 1516 agency shall serve the forfeiture complaint as an original
 1517 service of process under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure
 1518 and other applicable law to each person having an ownership or
 1519 security interest in the property. The seizing agency shall also
 1520 publish, in accordance with chapter 50, notice of the forfeiture
 1521 complaint for 2 consecutive weeks on a newspaper's website and
 1522 the statewide legal notice website in accordance with s.
 1523 50.0211(5) or, if published in print, once each week for 2
 1524 consecutive weeks in a newspaper qualified to publish legal
 1525 notices under chapter 50 ~~of general circulation, as defined in~~

1526 | ~~s. 165.031~~, in the county where the seizure occurred.

1527 | Section 31. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.