STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 25, 2026

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to modernizing and increasing the transparency of local government notice procedures

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Short title. This act may be cited as the "local government notice modernization and transparency act".

§ 2. Section 300 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. a. A municipality may authorize the posting of legal notices on its official municipal website in lieu of publishing such notices in a newspaper when such publication is otherwise required by state or local law. To authorize website posting of official notices, a municipality must enact a local law authorizing website notification.

b. Once the local law is enacted authorizing online notification of official local notices in lieu of publishing legal notices in a newspaper, the municipality must physically post and maintain on an ongoing basis at least three notices throughout the municipality informing the public that legal notices from the municipality will only be posted on the municipality's official website. In addition, the municipality's official website must permanently prominently display the following statement: "All legal notices required by state and local law will be posted on this website in lieu of being published in a newspaper. Such notices will be posted for the duration required by the applicable state or local law."

c. Notices must be continuously prominently displayed on the municipality's official website for the number of days the state or local law requires.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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