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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC NOTICE ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Place, Newberry, Rea, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: January 31, 2024

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND
2 GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 166

4 PUBLIC NOTICE ACT

5 **42-166-1. Public notice requirements.**

6 Notwithstanding any public or general law to the contrary, effective January 1, 2025,
7 whenever it is required under this title or any other provision of the general laws that any notice or
8 publication be published by the town of Burrillville or the town of Glocester, in a public newspaper,
9 the notice may be published in any newspaper in general circulation within either of the
10 municipalities or other designated digital or print platform selected by the town council of either
11 municipality, which may be reasonably demonstrated to reach a larger portion of the population
12 within each such municipality, than a newspaper in general circulation.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would allow the towns of Burrillville and Glocester to publish notices in any
- 2 newspaper in general circulation within either of the municipalities. This act would also allow
- 3 publication in other designated digital or print platforms selected by their city or town councils.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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