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8 SYNOPSIS: Current law provides certain requirements
9 for newspapers that publish legal notices.

10 This bill would add additional requirements
11 for such newspapers.

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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT
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17 To amend Section 6-8-60 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
18 relating to newspapers qualified to publish legal notices; to
19 further provide for the designation of a newspaper that is
20 authorized to publish legal notices; and to provide further
21 publication requirements.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. Section 6-8-60 of the Code of Alabama
24 1975, is amended to read as follows:

25 "§6-8-60.

26 "(a) The party in interest or at whose instance the
27 publication of notice is to be given by advertisement in a

1 newspaper may designate the newspaper in which such
2 advertisement shall be made. If the officer charged with the
3 duty of making the advertisement disregards such designation
4 and makes advertisement in some other paper, he or she must
5 pay the cost thereof and shall not be entitled to
6 reimbursement.

7 "(b) All publications required by any law, mortgage,
8 or other contract to be published in a newspaper must be
9 published in any newspaper printed in the English language
10 which has a general circulation in the county, regardless of
11 where the paper is printed, if the principal editorial office
12 of the newspaper is located within the county, ~~and which~~
13 ~~newspaper shall have been mailed under the publication class~~
14 ~~mailing privilege of the United States Postal Service from the~~
15 ~~post office where it is published for at least 51 weeks a year~~
16 the main content of newspapers is general interest news, and
17 the newspaper has been publishing for at least two years, is
18 published at least 51 weeks a year, and is not a professional,
19 trade, religious, or fraternal publication. The newspaper
20 shall, without additional charge, also upload legal notice
21 publications to a statewide website established and maintained
22 by an entity having the capacity and ability to receive and
23 upload notices from a majority of newspapers in this state.
24 Any newspaper which also publishes a website in its own name
25 shall also post legal notice publications on an Internet
26 website published by the newspaper without additional charge."

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.