

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
91st General Assembly - Regular Session, 2017  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 698**

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF BALLOT MEASURES;  
AND TO CREATE THE MANDATORY PUBLICATION REIMBURSEMENT FUND.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 698**

Amend Senate Bill No. 698 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-9-113 is amended to read as follows:

7-9-113. Publication of notice.

(a)(1) The Secretary of State shall be charged with the duty of letting contracts for publishing notices as authorized in this section.

(2)(A) For measures proposed by petition, the petition sponsor shall reimburse the cost of publication to the Secretary of State within thirty (30) calendar days of notification of the final costs for publication.

(B) The Secretary of State shall provide the sponsor of the measure a complete cost breakdown including the:

(i) Number of locations where the measure was published;

(ii) Number of times the measure was published;

(iii) Dates the measure was published; and

(iv) Costs for publishing the measure.

(C) The reimbursement shall be placed by the Secretary of State into the Mandatory Publication Reimbursement Fund.

(b)(1) Before the election at which any proposed or referred measure is to be voted upon by the people, notice shall be published in two (2) weekly issues of some newspaper in each county as is provided by law.

(2)(A) Publication of the notice for amendments proposed by the General Assembly shall commence six (6) months before the election.

(B) Publication of the notice for all other measures shall commence eight (8) weeks before the election.

~~(c) At least one (1) notice shall contain the number, the popular name, the ballot title, and a complete text of the measure to be submitted and shall be published in a camera ready format in a type no smaller than ten point type.~~

(c)(1) For amendments proposed by the General Assembly, at least one (1) notice shall:

(A) Contain the number, the popular name, the ballot title, and a complete text of the amendment to be submitted; and



(B) Be published in a camera-ready format in a type no smaller than 10-point type.

(2) For all other proposed measures or amendments, at least one (1) notice shall:

(A) Contain the number, the popular name, and the ballot title of the measure to be submitted;

(B) Reference a website where the full text of the measure is published; and

(C) Be published in a camera-ready format in a type no smaller than 10-point type.

(d) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, in connection with ~~a copy~~ notice of the proposed ~~amendment~~ measure, to give notice in the same newspapers that each elector on depositing his or her ballot at the election shall vote for or against the ~~amendment~~ measure.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-5-1258. Mandatory Publication Reimbursement Fund

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous fund to be known as the "Mandatory Publication Reimbursement Fund".

(b) The fund shall consist of reimbursements to the Secretary of State for mandatory publication of petitions and measures under § 7-9-113."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary