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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State and Local Government

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to local government; modifying requirements for publishing notice in a

1.3 qualified newspaper; authorizing online publication of public notices when no

1.4 qualified newspaper is available; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section

1.5 331A.10, subdivision 2.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 331A.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Discontinuance.** (a) When a newspaper ceases to be published before the

1.9 publication of a public notice is commenced, or when commenced ceases before the

1.10 publication is completed, the following procedures apply: (1) when the publication is required

1.11 by court order, the order for publication, ~~when one is required in the first instance,~~ may be

1.12 amended by order of the court or judge, to designate another newspaper, as may be necessary-

1.13 ~~If no order is required in the first instance;~~ or (2) when the publication is required by law,

1.14 rule, or ordinance, the publication may be made or completed in any other qualified

1.15 newspaper.

1.16 (b) If no qualified newspaper is available for publication of a public notice after the

1.17 discontinuance of a newspaper, the political subdivision must post the information required

1.18 to be published on the political subdivision's website until another qualified newspaper is

1.19 identified, which shall then be designated. During the time when no qualified newspaper is

1.20 available, the political subdivision must also post the public notice on the Minnesota

1.21 Newspaper Association's statewide public notice website, at no additional cost to the political

1.22 subdivision.

2.1 (c) Any time during which the notice is published in ~~the first~~ a newspaper prior to its
2.2 discontinuance shall be calculated as a part of the time required for the publication, proof
2.3 of which may be made by affidavit of any person acquainted with the facts.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.