

By: Representative Remak

To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

HOUSE BILL NO. 626

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT WHENEVER A PUBLIC NOTICE IS PUBLISHED
2 IN A NEWSPAPER BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY AS REQUIRED BY LAW, A
3 COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY CONCURRENTLY POST NOTICE OF THE
4 PUBLICATION IN AT LEAST THREE PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE COUNTY OR
5 MUNICIPALITY AND ON THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE FOR A PERIOD
6 OF TIME THAT RUNS CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PERIOD OF REQUIRED
7 PUBLICATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** Whenever any provision of statutory law in
10 Mississippi requires a county or municipality to publish notice in
11 a newspaper published within such county or municipality, or in a
12 newspaper of general circulation within such county or
13 municipality, or otherwise publish notice of a statutory procedure
14 or proceeding, the county or municipality may, concurrently with
15 such publication requirement, post notice in at least three (3)
16 public places within such county or municipality, and on the
17 governing authority's website if the authority maintains a
18 website, for a period of time that runs concurrently with the
19 period of publication. This provision does not relieve any such
20 county or municipality of the statutory duty to publish when



21 required by law, in the event one or more required publications of
22 a statutory procedure or proceeding is not published through no
23 fault of the county or municipality, the underlying statutory
24 process shall not be voided by virtue of the failure of the
25 publication, and statutory public notice shall be deemed to have
26 been provided, if the county or municipality has posted notice as
27 provided under this section.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 2025.

