

AN ACT
RELATING TO LEGAL NOTICES; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF
COPIES OF LEGAL NOTICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 14-11-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1937, Chapter 167, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"14-11-2. REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT. --

A. A legal notice or advertisement shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation that can be obtained by single copy and that is entered under the second class postage privilege in the county in which the notice or advertisement is required to be published. If the notice is published in a tri-weekly, semi-weekly or weekly newspaper, the newspaper shall have been published in the county continuously and uninterruptedly during the period of at least twenty-six consecutive weeks next prior to the first issue containing the notice or advertisement. If the notice is published in a daily newspaper, the newspaper shall have been published in the county uninterruptedly and continuously during the period of at least six months next prior to the first issue containing the notice or advertisement. A change in the name of a newspaper or the removal of the principal business office or seat of publication of a newspaper from one place to another in the

same county shall not break or affect the continuity in the publication of the newspaper if the newspaper is continuously and uninterruptedly printed and published within the county as provided in this section. A newspaper shall not lose its rights as a legal publication if it fails to publish one or more of its issues by reason of fire, flood, accident, transportation embargo or tie-up or other casualty beyond the control of the publisher. A legal notice that fails to be published for the required number of insertions for reasons beyond the control of the publisher shall not be declared illegal if the notice has been made in one issue of the publication. If a newspaper has not been published in a county for the prescribed period at the time such notice or advertisement is required to be published, the notice or advertisement may be published in a newspaper having a general circulation or published and printed in whole or in part in that county and that can be obtained by single copy in that county.

B. At the time of the first publication of a legal notice or advertisement, a government entity shall send a copy of the notice to each newspaper, magazine, radio station and television station that has submitted a written request to be notified. "
