



Board of County Commissioners

Administrative Committee

RESOLUTION URGING STATE LEADERS TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT WILL AUTHORIZE COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ELECTRONICALLY PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES IN A NEWSPAPER’S WEBSITE OR DIGITAL PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, current law requires purchasing officials, clerks of the boards, planning departments, improvement authorities, sheriffs, and other local government professionals to publish printed legal notices in local newspaper publications; and,

WHEREAS, such legal notices typically include contract awards, contract addendums, public meeting notices, RFP and RFQ advertisements, election announcements, sheriff sales, and much more; and,

WHEREAS, local government officials have long decried that publishing these voluminous documents in print media is costly, time consuming, and outdated; and,

WHEREAS, local government officials have found it increasingly difficult to comply with the notice requirements under current law as the newspaper industry has evolved into an online platform and struggled to retain staff, resources, and publications; and,

WHEREAS, legislation to authorize the online publishing of legal notices will streamline the antiquated process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Jersey Association of Counties does in fact, hereby urge state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize counties, municipalities, school districts, and all local governments to electronically publish legal notices in a newspaper’s website or digital publication.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, and the clerks of the boards of county commissioners in all twenty-one counties.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on July 1, 2024.

Handwritten signature of Stacy L. Pennington
STACY L. PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

Table with 7 columns: COMMISSIONER, RESOLUTION MOVED, RESOLUTION SECOND, AYE, NAY, ABSTAIN, ABSENT. Rows include E. Ramsay, C. Taylor, D. Timmerman, G. Ostrum Jr., B. Laury.

✓ Indicates Vote

Department Initials _____