
HOUSE BILL 1797

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1 AN ACT Relating to publication of legal and other official
2 notices; amending RCW 65.16.060 and 65.16.091; and adding new
3 sections to chapter 65.16 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 65.16
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 All legal and other official notices required by law that affect
8 any right in real property must be published in a legal newspaper
9 with general circulation to the address of the affected real
10 property.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 65.16
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 If there is more than one legal newspaper in which a legal or
14 other official notice may lawfully be published, the party required
15 to publish the legal or other official notice and the party's
16 attorney or legal representative may not have a direct financial
17 interest in the legal newspaper designated for the publication.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 65.16.060 and 1941 c 213 s 6 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

1 Any summons, citation, notice of sheriff's sale, or legal
2 advertisement of any description, the publication of which is now or
3 may be hereafter required by law, may be published in any daily or
4 weekly legal newspaper published in the county where the action,
5 suit, or other proceeding is pending, or is to be commenced or had,
6 or in which such notice, summons, citation, or other legal
7 advertisement is required to be given: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That if
8 there be more than one legal newspaper in which any such legal
9 notice, summons, citation, or legal advertisement might lawfully be
10 published, then the plaintiff or moving party in the action, suit, or
11 proceeding shall, except as provided in section 2 of this act, have
12 the exclusive right to designate in which of such qualified
13 newspapers such legal notice, summons, citation, notice of sheriff's
14 sale, or other legal advertisement shall be published.

15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 65.16.091 and 1977 c 34 s 3 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 The rate charged by a newspaper for legal notices shall not
18 exceed the ((national)) open classified advertising rate extended by
19 the newspaper to all general advertisers and advertising agencies in
20 its published rate card.

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