

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0201

Cities and counties-publication of notices.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Burkhardt and Zwonitzer and  
Senator(s) Landen, Nethercott and Schuler

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to cities, towns and counties; authorizing  
2 electronic publication of certain city, town and county  
3 notices as specified; making conforming amendments; repealing  
4 an obsolete provision; specifying applicability; and  
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9       **Section 1.** W.S. 15-1-110(a), 15-1-116(a) and (c),  
10 15-2-204(a)(intro), 18-3-515, 18-3-516(a) and (f), 18-3-517,  
11 18-3-519(a) and 18-4-105 are amended to read:

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13       **15-1-110. Minutes of meetings and titles of ordinances**  
14 **passed to be published; exception; contents; publication of**

1 names, salaries and wages of specified officials and  
2 employees.

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4 (a) The governing body of any city or town ~~shall~~may  
5 designate a legal newspaper and publish once therein or on  
6 the website of the legal newspaper the minutes of all regular  
7 and special meetings of the governing body and the titles of  
8 all ordinances passed. If the city or town does not designate  
9 a newspaper ~~is not published in the city or town~~under this  
10 subsection the proceedings or ordinances shall be posted ~~for~~  
11 ~~at least ten (10) days in the city or town clerk's office~~on  
12 the website of the city or town and in such other places as  
13 the governing body determines. The clerk of each city or town  
14 shall within twelve (12) days after adjournment of every  
15 meeting, furnish the newspaper or post on the city or town  
16 website a copy of the proceedings of the meeting. Except for  
17 salaries and wages published under subsection (b) of this  
18 section, the copy shall include any bill presented to the  
19 governing body stating the amount of the bill, the amount  
20 allowed, the purpose of the bill and the claimant. Claims for  
21 part-time employees may be summarized by department without  
22 listing each part-time employee. ~~The~~If designated under this

1 section, a newspaper shall publish the copy of proceedings  
2 within nine (9) days after receipt.

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4 **15-1-116. Ordinances; publication required; exception;**  
5 **attestation; recodification or revision.**

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7 (a) Every ordinance before becoming effective shall be  
8 published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation,  
9 which maintains a physical office at which advertisements are  
10 accepted and which is open to the public during regularly set  
11 business hours within the boundaries of the city or town, on  
12 the website of a newspaper of general circulation or on the  
13 website of the city or town. If selected to provide  
14 publication under this subsection, the newspaper shall  
15 publish the ordinance within nine (9) days from the date of  
16 receipt. If there is no such newspaper or website, the  
17 ordinance shall be posted for at least ten (10) days in the  
18 city clerk's office and in such other places as the governing  
19 body determines. Emergency ordinances are effective upon  
20 proclamation of the mayor, and as soon thereafter as is  
21 practicable they shall be published and posted in the manner  
22 required of other ordinances.

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1           (c) A recodification or revision of ordinances shall be  
2 published by title only together with a brief summary of the  
3 recodification or revision, in the manner provided in  
4 subsection (a) of this section for newspaper or website  
5 publication, provided that a copy of the recodification or  
6 revision shall be available to the public at all reasonable  
7 hours in the office of the city or town clerk.

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9           **15-2-204. Notice of receipts and expenditures;**  
10 **contents.**

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12           (a) Immediately after the end of the fiscal year, the  
13 governing body shall publish in a newspaper, ~~if one is~~  
14 ~~published in the town, or if there is none then by posting in~~  
15 ~~three (3) or more public places,~~ of general circulation in  
16 the city or town, on the website of a newspaper of general  
17 circulation or on the website of the city or town an exhibit  
18 of the receipts and expenditures specifying:

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20           **18-3-515. Preparation and publication of annual**  
21 **statements.**

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1 Each board of county commissioners at their regular July  
2 meeting shall request a statement of the receipts and  
3 expenditures of the county during the preceding twelve (12)  
4 months setting forth the source and amount of all receipts  
5 and the purpose and the amount of all expenditures to be  
6 prepared upon reconciliation of all accounts by the county  
7 treasurer and county clerk, not later than September 30. The  
8 statement shall be signed by the chairman and clerk of the  
9 board and shall be posted on the county's designated official  
10 website in the manner provided in W.S. 18-3-516(f) and  
11 ~~published~~ may publish the statement at least once in the  
12 county's designated official newspaper.

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14 **18-3-516. Publication of proceedings; publication of**  
15 **names, salaries and wages of certain officials and employees.**

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17 (a) Each board of county commissioners shall post a  
18 comprehensive summary of the entire proceedings of all  
19 regular and special meetings held by the board on the county's  
20 official website in the manner provided in subsection (f) of  
21 this section and may publish the comprehensive summary of the  
22 entire proceedings of all regular and special meetings held  
23 by them one (1) time in the county's designated official

1 newspaper. The county clerk of each county shall within  
2 twelve (12) working days after adjournment of every meeting  
3 for which the next scheduled meeting will be called to order  
4 in two (2) weeks time or less, or within eighteen (18) working  
5 days after adjournment of every meeting for which the next  
6 scheduled meeting will be called to order in more than two  
7 (2) weeks time, furnish the paper with a copy of the  
8 proceedings if the proceedings will be published in a  
9 newspaper. Except for salaries and wages published under  
10 subsection (b) of this section, the copy shall include any  
11 bill presented to the board stating the amount of the bill,  
12 the amount allowed, the purpose of the bill and the claimant.  
13 Claims for part-time employees may be summarized by  
14 department without listing each part-time employee. The  
15 newspaper shall publish the copy of proceedings within nine  
16 (9) days after receipt. The board shall post on its official  
17 website, and if practicable publish, notice of the time of  
18 all regular and special meetings.

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20 (f) For all publications required by statute to be  
21 posted on a county's official website, the publication shall  
22 be posted on the county's official website and may be posted  
23 at times required for publication in a designated official

1 newspaper. ~~Until June 30, 2016, Each~~ board of county  
2 commissioners ~~shall~~may cause to be published in the  
3 designated official newspaper once per ~~month, no less than~~  
4 ~~twelve (12) times per year,~~ a general public notice pertaining  
5 to access to county information. ~~After June 30, 2016, this~~  
6 ~~general public notice shall be published at least once per~~  
7 ~~year.~~

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9 **18-3-517. Designation of official paper.**

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11 When there is more than one (1) paper published in any county  
12 the board of county commissioners ~~shall~~may designate which  
13 one is the official paper of the county.

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15 **18-3-519. Requirements as to newspaper publishing legal**  
16 **notices.**

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18 (a) The publication of any legal notice, printing or  
19 advertising required by law is without force or effect unless  
20 published on the county's official website or in a newspaper  
21 which has been regularly issued at least once each week for  
22 a period of fifty-two (52) consecutive weeks prior to the  
23 date of the first publication of the notice or advertisement,

1 has a paid circulation of at least five hundred (500) and  
2 each page is not less than ten (10) inches by twelve and  
3 one-half (12.5) inches in size.

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5 **18-4-105. Order of paying warrants; exception as to**  
6 **Laramie and Albany counties.**

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8 All taxes and licenses are payable in money, and all properly  
9 attested orders and warrants are entitled to preference for  
10 payment according to date of presentation and acceptance at  
11 the treasurer's office, the oldest date to have preference.  
12 The treasurer shall not refuse to pay any order or warrant  
13 because there are unrepresented prior orders or warrants if  
14 there is sufficient money in the treasury to pay all prior  
15 orders or warrants, with interest due thereon, as well as the  
16 order then presented. When the total of payable, interest  
17 drawing unrepresented orders, amounts to five hundred dollars  
18 (\$500.00), the treasurer shall cause two (2) weekly notices  
19 to be published on the county's official website or inserted  
20 in the official county newspaper briefly describing them by  
21 numbers, date, amount and in whose favor drawn, notifying the  
22 holders that they will cease to draw interest ten (10) days



1 after the second notice. This section shall not apply to  
2 Laramie and Albany counties.

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4 **Section 2.** W.S. 18-3-519(b) is repealed.

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6 **Section 3.** This act shall apply to all documents  
7 produced by a city, town and county for which legal notice is  
8 required by the statutes amended by this act on or after the  
9 effective date of this act.

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11 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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