

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB840**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 14, 2022  
**Committee On:** General Affairs  
**Introducer:** Brewer  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to publication and rates for legal notices

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Arch, Brandt, Brewer, Briese, Cavanaugh, J., Lowe, Wayne, Groene  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Mark Rhoades  
Peggy Year  
Kevin Zadina  
Dennis Derossett

**Representing:**

Enterprise Media Group  
Self  
Self  
Nebraska Press Association

**Opponents:**

**Neutral:**

Christy Abraham  
Elaine Menzel

**Representing:**

League of Nebraska Municipalities  
NACO

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 840 is a bill that adjusts the publishing of, and costs associated with, legal notices in newspapers. This bill increases the maximum prices newspapers are allowed to charge for providing legal advertising space. The current amount in statute has not been adjusted since 1996.

**Section-by-Section Summary:**

Section 1: Amends section 25-2228 to remove some outdated language and adds new language that requires all legal publications published in a newspaper to be published or noticed on a statewide website established and maintained for this purpose by a majority of Nebraska newspapers.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 1915 clarifies that a website posting, or a failure to make the website posting does not affect the legal validity of the

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publication of the notice as required.

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Tom Briese, Chairperson