

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4244**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the town of Hingham to utilize alternative methods for publication of legal notices.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>6/24/2025</i>

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By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4244) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Hingham be authorized to utilize alternative methods for publication of legal notices. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Hingham to utilize alternative methods for publication of legal notices.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or town by-law to the contrary,  
2 whenever the town of Hingham is required by a general or special law or town by-law to publish  
3 a legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation, the town of Hingham may utilize the  
4 alternative means of publishing said legal notice as provided in section 2.

5           SECTION 2. The town of Hingham may publish a legal notice on the bulletin board or  
6 electronic visual display outside the town clerk's office and: (i) in a local newspaper, in either  
7 electronic or paper format; or (ii) on the town's website. For the purposes of this section, the term  
8 "website" shall mean the official website of the town of Hingham that is operated and maintained  
9 by the town's municipal government.

10           SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.