

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5228

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 12, 2026.

The committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4845) of Joseph D. McKenna and Michael J. Soter (by vote of the town) that the town of Uxbridge be authorized to publish legal notices in print or online, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5228) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

JACK PATRICK LEWIS.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act granting Uxbridge the ability to post public meeting 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 subsection (b) of section 13 of chapter 4 of the General  
2 Laws, wherever the town of Uxbridge or the Uxbridge Public Schools, or their subdivisions,  
3 committees, boards, commissions, departments or offices, are required by a general or special  
4 law, charter, by-law or judicial order to publish a legal notice in a newspaper or newspaper of  
5 general circulation, such requirement may be met through a town-wide website that may be  
6 maintained as a repository for such notices and 1 or more of the following means:

7           (i)     a print newspaper of local or general circulation;

8           (ii)    newspaper's website;

9           (iii)   websites reporting local news and opinion which satisfy all criteria for digital  
10 publication as set forth in said subsection (b) of said section 13 of said chapter 4; or

11          (iv)    a statewide website that may be maintained as a repository for such notices.

12           SECTION 2. Nothing set forth in this act shall be construed to alter or amend the time or  
13 timing of publication of legal notices set forth in the General Laws.

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