

HOUSE No. 5512

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore

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 allowing print-free digital legal notices in the town of Shrewsbury.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>6/10/2026</i>

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By Representative Kane of Shrewsbury and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5512) of Hannah Kane (by vote of the town) that the town of Shrewsbury be authorized to use print-free digital legal notices in said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act allowing print-free digital legal notices in the town of Shrewsbury.

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 Shrewsbury, the Shrewsbury public schools, or their subdivisions,
3 committees, boards, commissions, bodies, or officers are required by statute, ordinance, by-law,
4 regulation or judicial order to publish a legal notice in a newspaper or newspaper of general
5 circulation, such requirement may be satisfied by one or more of the following means:

- 6 (i) a print newspaper of local or general circulation;
- 7 (ii) a newspaper's website;
- 8 (iii) a website reporting local news and opinion which satisfy the criteria for digital
9 publication as set forth in said subsection (b) of said section 13 of chapter 4;
- 10 (iv) a statewide website that may be maintained as a repository for such notices; or

11 (v) a town-wide 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.