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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kristin E. Kassner and Sally P. Kerans*

*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 for the town of Topsfield.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kristin E. Kassner</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>7/9/2026</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>7/9/2026</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act allowing print-free digital legal notices for the town of Topsfield.

*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 Topsfield or its committees, boards, commissions, departments or  
3 offices, are required by general or special law, by-law or judicial order to publish a legal notice  
4 in a newspaper or newspaper of general circulation, such requirement may be met through  
5 posting or publishing such notice in any of the following ways:

- 6           (i)     print newspaper of local or general circulation;
- 7           (ii)    newspaper website;
- 8           (iii)  website reporting local news and opinions which satisfy all criteria for digital  
9 publication as established in said subsection (c) of said section 13 of said chapter 4;
- 10          (iv)   statewide website that may be maintained as a repository for such notices; or
- 11          (v)    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.