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1 AN ACT Relating to the broadcast of legal notices over the
2 internet; adding a new section to chapter 43.105 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to establish a
6 state-sanctioned web site that shall serve as a more efficient, single
7 repository for the posting on the internet, by any person or entity
8 choosing to do so, of any public notice that is legally required by law
9 or rule of the state or any of its political subdivisions, which
10 posting shall serve as an alternative and/or as a supplement to such
11 other public legal notice. The legislature intends that the
12 state-sanctioned web site shall serve the public interest by furthering
13 the public policy underlying the public notice requirements generally:
14 To make noticed information as widely available to the public as
15 possible. The state-sanctioned web site shall exist to serve the
16 public interest consistent with the aim of providing fairness and
17 equality of access to public information for all persons, including
18 persons with disabilities, persons who are elderly or indigent, and
19 other persons not having reasonable access to the courthouse forum or

1 other traditional notice publication forums. The state-sanctioned web
2 site shall exist to serve the public interest by increasing the
3 efficiency of courthouse personnel and courthouse safety by reducing
4 paperwork and by significantly reducing the foot traffic through the
5 courthouses of the state. The state-sanctioned web site shall serve
6 the public interest by creating greater security and integrity for
7 notices heretofore posted solely at "the courthouse door." The state-
8 sanctioned web site shall exist to serve the public interest by
9 lowering the cost of publishing by traditional forms of notice. The
10 state-sanctioned web site shall serve the public interest by providing
11 a ready means of transition from traditional print publications to
12 electronic media as the public and its institutions evolve rapidly to
13 increased use of internet communication. The state-sanctioned web site
14 shall serve the public interest by making the public information
15 thereon more widely available geographically by providing state-wide,
16 national, and international access to notice postings. The
17 state-sanctioned web site shall serve the public interest by making the
18 information thereon more publicly accessible in that it shall have no
19 limitation time-wise or date-wise to access and posting. The
20 state-sanctioned web site shall serve the public interest by
21 establishing its own infrastructure and providing its services,
22 maintenance, and backup to the state free of charge and without the
23 expenditure of taxpayer revenues. The state-sanctioned web site shall
24 serve the public interest by remitting a portion of its reasonable fees
25 to the state as revenue, thereby decreasing the burden on taxpayers.
26 The state-sanctioned web site shall serve the public interest by
27 creating a forum in which the information posted thereon shall be
28 incorruptible in form for an indefinite period of time into the future.
29 The state-sanctioned web site shall serve the public interest by
30 providing important services which do not at present exist with regard
31 to public notice: Freely accessible archiving of the notices which may
32 be searched without limitation by the public and the ability to search
33 for information contained within a public notice which is not now
34 possible.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.105 RCW
36 to read as follows:

37 There is hereby established a state-recognized web site which shall

1 be known as the legal notice repository. The company selected to
2 operate the web site and disseminate information by and through the
3 state's web site shall maintain the state's interest in the domain and
4 the use of the web site, at no cost to the public to access the web
5 site and the information available there. The company shall maintain
6 and operate the official state web site twenty-four hours per day,
7 seven days per week, each day of the year.

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