

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1681

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING METHODS OF PUBLIC NOTICE; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 2 OF 1914; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING METHODS OF PUBLIC NOTICE; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 2 OF 1914.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 1, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

### Subchapter 5 – Public Notice

#### 25-1-501. Definitions.

#### As used in this section:

(1) "Government entity" means an agency, department, authority, board, commission, bureau, council, office, or other agency of state, county, or municipal government;

(2) "Legal newspaper" means a legal newspaper as defined under § 16-3-101 et seq.;

(3) "Newspaper of general circulation" means a newspaper of general circulation as defined under § 16-3-101 et seq.; and



(4) "Website" means a site on the Internet:

(A) Identifiable by a specific uniform resource locator;

(B) Accessible to the public at no cost; and

(C) Requiring no information of the user.

25-1-502. Sufficient public notice for government entities.

(a) A government entity required to publish public notice under law may publish public notice:

(1) In a legal newspaper or newspaper of general circulation;

(2) On a website maintained by the government entity publishing the notice; or

(3) Both:

(A) In a legal newspaper or newspaper of general circulation; and

(B) On a website maintained by the government entity publishing the notice.

(b)(1) If notice is published for a period of time on the website, the notice shall be published for the total number of days provided under law.

(2) If notice is published for a period of time by a newspaper, the notice shall be published by one (1) insertion or advertisement for each week of the time period specified by law.

(c)(1) Unless otherwise provided by law, notice by website under this subchapter shall be published for at least two (2) weeks before the event of which the government entity is notifying the public.

(2) Unless otherwise provided by law, notice by newspaper under this subchapter shall be published by one (1) insertion or advertisement each week for two (2) weeks before the event of which the government entity is notifying the public.

(d)(1) If the notice has statewide application, the notice shall be published by a method that is available to the entire state.

(2) If the notice has countywide application, the notice shall be published by a method that is available to the entire county.

(3) If the notice has local application, the notice shall be published by a method that is available to the entire municipality.

(4) If the notice has application in a district or other identified geographical region, the notice shall be published by a method

that is available to the entire district or other identified geographical region.

(e) If notice is provided for under the Arkansas Constitution, then notice shall be published under the constitutional provision.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-3-101 is amended to read as follows:

16-3-101. Publication of required advertisements generally.

(a) All advertisements and orders of publication required by law or order of any court, or in conformity with any deed of trust, or real estate mortgage, or chattel mortgage where the amount therein received exceeds the sum of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350), or power of attorney or administrators' notices, to be made, shall be published ~~in at least one (1) newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county in which the proceedings are had~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., to which the advertisement or order of publication shall pertain.

~~(b) If there is no newspaper published in the county, then publication shall be made by posting five (5) written or printed notices in five (5) of the most public places in the county.~~

~~(c) If there is more than one (1) legal newspaper in a county, publication may be made in each newspaper.~~

~~(d)(1)(b)(1)~~ As to amounts under three hundred fifty dollars (\$350), written or printed notices may be posted in five (5) conspicuous places in the county.

(2) Notice shall be served in all cases upon the debtor as summons are served.

~~(e)(c)~~ This section shall not apply to warning orders governed by Rule 4(f) of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-3-102 is repealed.

~~16-3-102. Time advertisement to run.~~

~~(a) When any legal advertisement or notice is required by law to be published and no definite time is given for it to run, it shall be construed to mean for one (1) week.~~

~~(b) When a definite time is specified, it shall be construed to mean once a week during the time so specified, except that when a definite time is specified for publication of constitutional amendments proposed by the~~

~~General Assembly, it shall be construed to mean publication in four (4) weekly issues of some newspaper in each county as is provided by law.~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-3-103(a)(2), concerning advertisements relating to any cause, matter, or thing in any court of record, is amended to read as follows:

(2) ~~Where~~ If the advertisement is made by newspaper and there is more than one (1) newspaper published in any county, the advertisement shall be made in the newspaper designated by the attorney for the party causing the advertisement to be made.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 16-3-104 is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) When any notice or advertisement shall be required by law or the order of any court to be published ~~in any newspaper~~ or made in conformity with any mortgage, deed of trust, power of attorney, or administrator's notice, the affidavit of the director or head of the government entity, editor, proprietor, manager, or chief accountant, with a copy of the advertisement annexed, ~~stating the number of times and the date of the papers in which the advertisement was published,~~ shall be sufficient evidence of publication.

(2) The affidavit required under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall include:

(A) If the publication is by newspaper, the:

(i) Number of times the advertisement was published;

(2) Dates on which the advertisement was published;

and

(3) Name of the newspaper in which the advertisement

was published; and

(B) If the publication was by website, the affidavit shall

include the:

(1) Number of times the advertisement was published;

(2) Dates on which the advertisement was published;

and

(3) Specific uniform resource locator of the

website.

~~(b) If the notice is given by five (5) written or printed notices,~~

~~according to the provisions of § 16-3-101, then the affidavit of the party giving the notice, properly verified before some officer authorized to administer oaths and showing the time and manner of giving the notice, shall be sufficient evidence of publication.~~

(e) No director or head of a government entity, editor, proprietor, manager, or chief accountant shall be required to make the affidavit until his or her legal fee is paid.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 1-3-103, resulting from Initiated Act 2 of 1914, is amended to read as follows:

1-3-103. Orders of Public Service Commission and Transportation Commission.

The respective secretaries of the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Transportation Commission shall cause to be published ~~one (1) time, in one (1) newspaper in each county in this state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., all general orders of the respective commissions.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 1-3-105, resulting from Initiated Act 2 of 1914, is amended to read as follows:

1-3-105. Report of commissioners of special improvement districts.

All annual reports of the commissioners of special improvement districts shall be published ~~one (1) time in one (1) newspaper published in the municipality in which the district exists~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 1-3-106, resulting from Initiated Act 2 of 1914, is amended to read as follows:

1-3-106. Newspapers eligible to publish notices.

In all counties in which there are cities of the first class, the publication provided for in this chapter may be made ~~in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation or in one (1) or more weekly newspapers of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 1-3-108, resulting from Initiated Act 2 of 1914, is amended to read as follows:

1-3-108. Publications in more than one newspaper.

The officials who are required by this chapter to cause publications to

be made may cause them to be made under § 25-1-501 et seq., and in more than one (1) newspaper when it is possible to secure more general publicity without additional expense.

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 2-2-111(c)(2), concerning notice of meetings for agricultural cooperative associations, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The bylaws may require instead that the notice may be given by publication ~~in a newspaper of general circulation, published at the principal place of business of the association. If no newspaper is published at that place, notice may be given in a newspaper having circulation at the principal place of business of the association~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 2-2-413(c)(2), concerning notice of meetings for marketing associations, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The bylaws may require instead that the notice may be given by publication ~~in a newspaper of general circulation published at the principal place of business of the association~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 2-6-113 is amended to read as follows:

2-6-113. Receivership – Publication of notification of receiver's appointment.

When appointed as a receiver under this chapter the Director of the State Plant Board shall cause notification of the appointment to be published ~~once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the counties in which the Class A registrant maintains a business location, and in a newspaper of general circulation in this state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 2-16-505(c)(2)(A), concerning notice of establishment of a Johnson grass control and eradication district, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) If at the special election the majority of the landowners voting on the question shall vote for the establishment of the district, then the vote shall be entered on the record, and the county clerk or clerks shall notify the judge or judges who shall declare the designated area to be a

Johnson grass control and eradication district and shall cause notice to be published ~~in a newspaper having a general circulation in the electing district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 2-16-610(c), concerning notice for prohibition of planting noncommercial cotton, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Notice of the prohibition and requirement shall be given by publication ~~for one (1) day each week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the affected area~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 2-17-237(a), concerning notice of intent to discontinue operation of a public grain warehouse, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Any person operating a public grain warehouse who desires to discontinue the operation at the expiration of his or her license or whose license is suspended, revoked, or cancelled by the Public Grain Warehouse Commissioner or his or her designated representative shall notify the commissioner, all holders of warehouse receipts, and all parties storing grain in the public grain warehouse, if known, or if not known, ~~by advertising in the newspaper of largest general circulation in the community in which the public grain warehouse is located weekly~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., for four (4) consecutive weeks, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of expiration of his or her license, of his or her intention to discontinue the public grain warehouse business.

SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 2-17-406 is amended to read as follows:

2-17-406. Publication of appointment.

When appointed as a receiver under this subchapter, the Public Grain Warehouse Commissioner shall cause notification of the appointment to be published ~~once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the counties in which the licensee maintains a business location and in a newspaper of general circulation in this state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 2-38-112 is amended to read as follows:

2-38-112. Publication in addition to posting.

If the animal taken up is a horse, mare, mule, jack, or jenny, the taker-up shall cause a copy of the description and appraisal to be published under § 25-1-501 et seq., ~~inserted in some newspaper printed in the state~~ for three (3) weeks if the animal is of the appraised value of at least twenty dollars (\$20.00). Publication shall be ~~commenced in the newspaper~~ published under § 25-1-501 et seq., within one (1) month after appraisal. This shall be done in addition to the advertisement required by this subchapter.

SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 2-38-405 is amended to read as follows:

2-38-405. Notice of impounding.

When an animal found running at large along or on any public highway is delivered to the enclosure provided by the county court, the sheriff shall give notice of the impounding of the animal by causing a description of the animal to be ~~inserted in some newspaper of general circulation in the county at least once a week~~ published under § 25-1-501 et seq., for three (3) weeks. In addition to a description of the animal, the published notice shall also state the place where the animal was found running at large and the date and time of its being taken up.

SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 3-3-312(c), concerning notice after seizure of alcoholic beverages, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The mayor or the county judge, as the case may be, shall cause a notice to be published. This shall be done within three (3) days after being authorized by the court to sell the seized intoxicating liquors. The notice shall be published ~~in a newspaper having a countywide circulation and shall appear in the newspaper twice within a thirty day period, fifteen (15) days apart~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for thirty (30) days. The notice shall contain a list of the beverages authorized to be sold by the court, the approximate retail value thereof, the person, if known, from whom taken, the place where seized, and the advice that the beverages will be sold by the mayor or the county judge, as the case may be, at the expiration of thirty (30) days from the first published notice.

SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 3-4-210(a)(1), concerning notice by

applicant for liquor license, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) After filing an application with the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division and the acceptance of the application by the director, the applicant shall publish under § 25-1-501 et seq. ~~at least one (1) time a week~~ for four (4) consecutive weeks ~~in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the city or locality where the business is to be located~~ a notice that the applicant has applied for a permit to sell alcoholic beverages at retail.

SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 3-5-304(a)(1), concerning notice of application to sell beer as retain, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) After filing an acceptable application with the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, the applicant shall cause to be published ~~at least once a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the city in which the premises are situated or, if the premises are not in a city, in a newspaper of general circulation for the locality where the business is to be conducted~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., a notice that the applicant has applied for a permit to sell beer at retail.

SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 3-8-309(b)(2), concerning election contests, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The contestants shall file, within ten (10) days after the final action of the examining board, in the office of the clerk of the county court a written statement of the grounds of the contest. They shall cause a copy of the statement to be served on the county judge and shall give notice thereof by written or printed notice to be posted at the courthouse door of the county, and in three (3) or more public places in the county, city, town, district, or precinct in which the election has been held. They shall cause the notice to be published ~~in some newspaper of the county, when possible,~~ for two (2) consecutive ~~issues, commencing not later than the first issue of the paper after filing the statement~~ weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 3-9-206(b)(2), concerning notice of referendum election, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The order of the quorum court shall fix the date of the election

not more than ninety (90) days from the date of the order and give notice thereof by ~~publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county by at least two (2) insertions, the last being not less than ten (10) days prior to~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., for two (2) weeks before the election.

SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 3-9-222(c)(1), concerning the procedure for obtaining an on-premises consumption permit, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) After filing an acceptable application with the director, the applicant shall cause to be published ~~at least one (1) time each week for four (4) consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the city in which the premises are situated or, if the premises are not in a city, in a newspaper of general circulation for the locality where the business is to be conducted,~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. a notice that the applicant has applied for a permit to dispense alcoholic beverages on the premises.

SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 4-7-210(b)(5), concerning public notice of sale to enforce warehouse lien, is amended to read as follows:

(5) After the expiration of the time given in the notification, an advertisement of the sale must be published ~~once a week for two weeks consecutively in a newspaper of general circulation where the sale is to be held~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The advertisement must include a description of the goods, the name of the person on whose account the goods are being held, and the time and place of the sale. The sale must take place at least 15 days after the first publication. If there is no newspaper of general circulation where the sale is to be held, the advertisement must be posted at least 10 days before the sale in not fewer than six conspicuous places in the neighborhood of the proposed sale.

SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 4-26-1105(a)(2), concerning notice to creditors, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The notice if given shall be published at least once a week for three (3) successive weeks ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the principal place of business or, if no principal place of~~

~~business, the registered office of the corporation was located at the date of dissolution under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 4-27-141(b), concerning sufficiency of notice, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notice may be communicated in person; by telephone, telegraph, teletype, or other form of wire or wireless communication; or by mail or private carrier. If these forms of personal notice are impracticable, notice may be communicated by a newspaper of general circulation in the area where published; or by radio, television, or other form of public broadcast communication; or under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 4-27-1407(b)(1), concerning notice of dissolution, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The notice must:

(1) ~~be published one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the dissolved corporation's principal office is or was last located or in a newspaper of general circulation in Pulaski County if the corporation did not have a principal office in this state under § 25-1-501 et seq.;~~

SECTION 29. Arkansas Code § 4-27-1407(c), concerning notice of dissolution, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If the dissolved corporation publishes ~~a newspaper~~ notice in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the claim of each of the following claimants is barred unless the claimant commences a proceeding to enforce the claim against the dissolved corporation within five (5) years after the publication ~~date of the newspaper notice:~~

(1) a claimant who did not receive written notice under § 4-27-1406;

(2) a claimant whose claim was timely sent to the dissolved corporation but not acted on;

(3) a claimant whose claim is contingent or based on an event occurring after the effective date of dissolution.

SECTION 30. Arkansas Code § 4-32-908(b)(1), concerning publication of

notice of dissolution, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Be published ~~once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the limited liability company's principal office is located or in a newspaper of general circulation in Pulaski County if the company does not have a principal office in this state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.;

SECTION 31. Arkansas Code § 4-32-908(c), concerning publication of notice of dissolution, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If the limited liability company publishes ~~a newspaper~~ notice in accordance with subsection (b) of this section and files articles of dissolution pursuant to § 4-32-906, the claim of each of the following claimants is barred unless the claimant commences a proceeding to enforce the claim against the limited liability company within the earlier of the applicable period of limitations otherwise provided under law or five (5) years after the later of the publication date of the ~~newspaper~~ notice or the filing of the articles of dissolution:

- (1) A claimant who did not receive written notice under § 4-32-907; or
- (2) A claimant whose claim is contingent or based on an event occurring after the effective date of dissolution.

SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 4-33-141(b), concerning notice for purposes of the Arkansas Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notice may be communicated in person; by telephone, telegraph, teletype, telecopier, facsimile, or other form of wire or wireless communication; or by mail or private carrier; if these forms of personal notice are impracticable, notice may be communicated by a newspaper of general circulation in the area where published; or by radio, television, or other form of public broadcast communication or under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 4-33-1408(b) and (c), concerning notice of dissolution, are amended to read as follows:

- (b) The notice must:
  - (1) be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the corporation's principal office is or was~~

~~last located or in a newspaper of general circulation in Pulaski County if the corporation does not have a principal office in this state under § 25-1-501 et seq.;~~

(2) describe the information that must be included in a claim and provide a mailing address where the claim may be sent; and

(3) state that a claim against the corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within one (1) year after publication of the notice.

(c) If the corporation publishes a ~~newspaper~~ notice in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the claim of each of the following claimants is barred unless the claimant commences a proceeding to enforce the claim against the corporation within one (1) year after the publication date of the newspaper notice:

(1) a claimant who did not receive written notice under § 4-33-1407;

(2) a claimant whose claim was timely sent to the corporation but not acted on; and

(3) a claimant whose claim is contingent or based on an event occurring after the effective date of dissolution.

SECTION 34. Arkansas Code § 4-35-301(b)(1)(A), concerning notice of issuance of water authority bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) Prior to a water authority's proposed issuance of bonds, the water authority shall publish ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected county or counties in which the project or projects are or will be located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.:

(i) Notice of the proposed issuance of bonds;

(ii) The maximum principal amount of bonds contemplated to be sold;

(iii) A general description of the project contemplated to be financed or refinanced with bond proceeds; and

(iv) The date, time, and location of a public meeting at which members of the public may obtain further information regarding the bonds and the development of the project.

SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 4-47-807(b)(1), concerning notice of

dissolution, is amended to read as follows:

(1) ~~be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the dissolved limited partnership's designated office is located or, if it has none in this State, in the county in which the limited partnership's designated office is or was last located for seven (7) days under § 25-1-501 et seq.;~~

SECTION 36. Arkansas Code § 5-4-607(b)(2)(B), concerning notice of application for pardon or commutation, is amended to read as follows:

(B) If the application involves a conviction for capital murder, § 5-10-101, a notice of the application shall be published ~~by two (2) insertions, separated by a minimum of seven (7) days, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties where the offense or offenses of the applicant were committed~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 37. Arkansas Code § 5-5-101(e), concerning notice of sale of seized property, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The time and place of sale of seized property shall be advertised:

(1) For at least fourteen (14) days next before the day of sale by posting written notice at the courthouse door; and

(2) By publication ~~in the form of at least two (2) insertions, at least three (3) days apart, before the day of sale in a weekly or daily newspaper published or customarily distributed in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 38. Arkansas Code § 5-5-303(c)(1)(A), concerning publication of order to show cause, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Causing to be published a copy of the order to show cause ~~two (2) times each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the county where the property is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.; and

SECTION 39. Arkansas Code § 5-5-304(d)(1), concerning notice of sale of forfeited property, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) If a law enforcement agency desires to sell property forfeited to it pursuant to § 5-5-302, the law enforcement agency shall first cause

notice of the sale to be made by publication ~~at least two (2) times a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. and sending a copy of the notice of the sale by certified mail, return receipt requested, to any person having ownership of or a security interest in the property or in the manner provided in Rule 4 of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure, if:

(A) The property is of a type for which title or registration is required by law;

(B) The owner of the property is known in fact to the law enforcement agency at the time of seizure; or

(C) The property is subject to a security interest perfected in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code, § 4-1-101 et seq.

SECTION 40. Arkansas Code § 5-62-106(a)(3), concerning notice of seizure of an animal, is amended to read as follows:

(3) If the owner of the animal cannot be determined, a written notice regarding the seizure of the animal shall be conspicuously posted where the animal is seized at the time the seizure occurs if practicable and a notice shall be published ~~in a local newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction where the animal was seized at least two (2) times each week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for two (2) consecutive weeks, with the first notice published within three (3) days of the seizure, and no less than at least five (5) days before a hearing conducted under this section.

SECTION 41. Arkansas Code § 5-65-117(b)(1), concerning notice of seizures and sales of motor vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The sheriff shall advertise the motor vehicle for sale for a period of two (2) weeks prior to the date of sale ~~by at least one (1) insertion per week in a newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 42. Arkansas Code § 5-73-130(f)(1), concerning notice of forfeiture proceedings, is amended to read as follows:

(f)(1) The prosecuting attorney shall give notice of the forfeiture proceedings by:

(A) Causing a copy of the order to show cause to be

published ~~two (2) times each week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the county where the property is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. with the last publication being not less than five (5) days before the show cause hearing; and

(B) Sending a copy of the petition and order to show cause by certified mail, return receipt requested, to each person having ownership of or a security interest in the property or in the manner provided in Rule 4 of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure if:

(i) The property is of a type for which title or registration is required by law;

(ii) The owner of the property is known in fact to the law enforcement agency at the time of seizure; or

(iii) The property is subject to a security interest perfected in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code, § 4-1-101 et seq.

SECTION 43. Arkansas Code § 5-73-130(m)(1), concerning notice of sale of forfeited motor vehicle, is amended to read as follows:

(m)(1) If a law enforcement agency desires to sell a forfeited motor vehicle, the law enforcement agency shall first cause notice of the sale to be made by publication ~~at least two (2) times a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. and by sending a copy of the notice of the sale by certified mail, return receipt requested, to each person having ownership of or a security interest in the property or in the manner provided in Rule 4 of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure if:

(A) The property is of a type for which title or registration is required by law;

(B) The owner of the property is known in fact to the law enforcement agency at the time of seizure; or

(C) The property is subject to a security interest perfected in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code, § 4-1-101 et seq.

SECTION 44. Arkansas Code § 6-13-622(a), concerning publication of a school district budget, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The requirement of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 40, for publication of the budget shall be discharged by the board of directors of

each school district by publication of its budget ~~one (1) time in some newspaper published in the county in which the school district lies or, if the school district lies in more than one (1) county, in the county in which the school district is administered~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 45. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1403(b)(2), concerning notice of a receipt of valid petition for annexation of school districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Upon receipt of:

(A) A valid petition for annexation and after receiving proof from the petitioning party of at least one (1) of the required conditions set forth in subsection (a) of this section; and

(B) Proof of the issuance of public notice of the intent to annex affected districts into a receiving district or districts ~~in the local newspapers of general circulation in the affected districts for a time period of no less than one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately prior to the time the petition is filed with the state board under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 46. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1404(b)(2), concerning notice by the State Board of Education to consolidate school districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2) May vote to approve, by a majority of a quorum present of the members of the state board, the consolidation of the affected districts into a resulting district upon receipt of:

(A) A valid petition for consolidation after receiving proof from the petitioning party of at least one (1) of the required conditions set forth in subsection (a) of this section; and

(B) Proof ~~of the issuance~~ of public notice under § 25-1-501 et seq., of the intent to consolidate affected districts into a resulting district or districts ~~in the local newspapers of general circulation in the affected districts for a time period of no less than one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately prior to the time the petition is filed with the state board.

SECTION 47. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1414(b), concerning notice of

boundary change by State Board of Education, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Upon proof to the state board of public notice ~~issued in the local newspapers of general circulation in each affected school district no less than one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq., the state board may, by approval of a majority of the members of a quorum present of the state board, issue an order changing or adjusting the boundary lines between the adjoining school districts.

SECTION 48. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1504(c)(1)(D), concerning notice of election or resolution, is amended to read as follows:

(D) The petitioners shall give notice of the election by publication ~~of at least one (1) insertion in a newspaper having general circulation in each school district from which territory is being detached~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 49. Arkansas Code § 6-14-106(d)(1), concerning notice of polling places for school elections, is amended to read as follows:

(1) The board of directors of each school district shall cause to be published, ~~by~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least ~~one (1) insertion in a newspaper with general circulation in the county or counties in which the school district is located, not more than ten (10) days nor less than three (3) days~~ before any school election, a notice identifying the polling site for each ward or precinct.

SECTION 50. Arkansas Code § 6-14-109 is amended to read as follows:

6-14-109. Notice of elections.

(a) The board of directors of each school district shall give notice ~~by advertisement one time a week~~ publication under § 25-1-501 et seq. for three (3) weeks before each election to be held within the school district, setting out the time, place, and questions to be submitted to the electors at the election.

(b) The advertisement provided for shall begin at least twenty (20) days before the date of the school election ~~and shall be in a newspaper either published in or having a bona fide circulation in the county or counties in which the school district is administered~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

(c) This provision for notice of school elections shall be the sole requirement for the publication of the notice.

SECTION 51. Arkansas Code § 6-15-208(3), concerning notice of a school's probationary status, is amended to read as follows:

(3) The public notice shall be published or disseminated, immediately after the state board's determination on the website of the school district and published ~~at least one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a local newspaper of general circulation in the affected school district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 52. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2006(b), concerning publication of annual school performance reports, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, each school district board of directors shall annually publish ~~in the local newspaper~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. the school performance report required by § 6-15-1402 and report in writing to the State Board of Education by October 15 of each year the following information on the prior school year or the latest information available:

(1) By grade level, economic status, and ethnicity, the number and percentage of all students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) performing at each category level on the benchmark examinations and end-of-course examinations, the percentile rankings by school and grade level on norm-referenced exams, any other assessments as required by the state board, the number of students taking advanced placement courses or courses offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, the number taking the advanced placement exams, and the percent of students making a 3, 4, or 5 on advanced placement exams;

(2) By grade level, the number and percentage of all students retained in grades one through eight (1-8);

(3) The graduation rate, grade inflation rate, drop-out rate for grades nine through twelve (9-12), and college remediation rate;

(4) The number of students transferring pursuant to the unsafe school provision of § 6-15-432; and

(5) The number of students transferring pursuant to the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act of 2004, § 6-18-227.

SECTION 53. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2101(a)(3), concerning publication of annual school rating reports, is amended to read as follows:

- (3) Annual school performance reports shall be:
- (A) Made available in hard copy to all parents or guardians;
  - (B) Posted on the department's website;
  - (C) Posted on the local school district's website; and
  - (D) Published by the local school district ~~in the local newspaper~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 54. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1109(a) and (b), concerning notice before selecting an insurance policy, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Before selecting a policy or entering into an agreement with an insurance company for the providing of life or disability insurance for public school employees as authorized in this subchapter, the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board shall publicize, ~~by inserting in one (1) or more newspapers having a general circulation in the State of Arkansas,~~ notice under § 25-1-501 et seq. that bid proposals for the providing of life or disability insurance for public school employees will be received by the board on the date and at the place stated in the notice.

(b) The notice shall be published ~~by two (2) insertions with the first insertion to be at least~~ for the thirty (30) days before the date for receiving bids ~~and with the second insertion to be not later than two (2) weeks before the date for receiving bids.~~

SECTION 55. Arkansas Code § 6-19-114(b), concerning notice of bids for loans for school buses, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The purchase of school buses with loans from the fund shall be made upon competitive bids.

(2) Forms for bids shall be approved by the State Board of Education.

(3) The district shall advertise for bids by publication of notice ~~in a newspaper having bona fide circulation in the county where the district is located, one (1) time a week for two (2) weeks~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., giving the date and place of opening bids.

(4) The first publication of notice shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date set for opening bids and awarding of contracts.

SECTION 56. Arkansas Code § 6-20-405(a)(3)(B)(i), concerning energy saving contracts, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) Notice of the request for qualifications shall be published ~~one (1) time each week for no less than two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of statewide circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 57. Arkansas Code § 6-20-809(a), concerning notice of loans from a Revolving Loan Fund, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In each instance in which a loan from the Revolving Loan Fund is to be secured in whole by funds derived from sources other than from a specifically voted continuing ad valorem tax levy on the taxable real and personal property within the bounds of the school district, the board of directors of the school district, acting through its chair or president and secretary shall cause to be published ~~by one (1) insertion in a newspaper having a general circulation within the school district a~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. notice of its intention to borrow funds, setting forth therein the amount of funds that it proposes to borrow, the purposes for which the funds are to be used, and the particular funds of the school district that it proposes to pledge to secure the payment of the loan.

SECTION 58. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1008(b)(1), concerning notice of sale of bonds on sealed bids, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time a week for at least two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock and having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas, with the first publication to be~~ at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of sale under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 59. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1206(a)(2), concerning notice of sale of school bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)(i) Advertisement of a bond sale under this section shall be published ~~in at least one (1) newspaper published in the county with the~~

~~publication to be one (1) time a week for two (2) weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

~~(ii) The first publication shall be at least thirteen (13) days before the date of the sale.~~

~~(B)(i) If the newspaper responsible for publishing the advertisement of a bond sale does not publish either or both of the two (2) publications required under this subsection within the required time frame, the Commissioner of Education may approve an alternate form of advertisement of the bond sale.~~

~~(ii) The public school district shall use the alternate form of advertisement only for the bond sale related to the failed publication.~~

~~(iii) Within thirty (30) days after the sale of bonds is completed for which an alternate form of advertisement is used by a public school district under this subdivision (a)(2)(B), the public school district shall provide by one (1) publication in a newspaper published in the county a notice:~~

~~(a) Of the date of the sale and the principal amount of the bonds sold; and~~

~~(b) That the alternate form of advertisement was used.~~

SECTION 60. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1227(b)(2), concerning notice of bonds issued to fund a school district's nonbonded debt, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(2) The resolution shall be published immediately, and at least two (2) weeks prior to the funding, ~~for one (1) insertion in some newspaper published in the county in which the school district is domiciled under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 61. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1906(b), concerning notice of school districts in fiscal distress, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Any school district classified as in fiscal distress shall be required to publish ~~at least one (1) time~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~ the school district's classification as a school district in fiscal

distress and the reasons why the school district was classified as being in fiscal distress.

SECTION 62. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2617(a)(2)-(4), concerning bond elections, are amended to read as follows:

(2) If the question is presented at a general election, notice thereof shall be published by the Secretary of State ~~by one (1) insertion in a newspaper of general circulation in the state at~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. ~~at~~ least sixty (60) days prior to the general election, and notice thereof shall be mailed to each county board of election commissioners and the sheriff of each county at least sixty (60) days prior to the general election.

(3) If a special election is called by the Governor, the proclamation of the special election shall be made at least sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed by the proclamation for the election, and notice of the special election shall be given by publication ~~of the proclamation for one (1) insertion in one (1) newspaper of general circulation published in each county in the state not less than~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. thirty (30) days prior to the date of the special election.

~~(4) If there is no newspaper regularly published in a county, the proclamation may be published in any newspaper having a general circulation in the county.~~

SECTION 63. Arkansas Code § 6-23-302(c)(1)(B), concerning notice of public hearing, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) Notice of the public hearing shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for three (3) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the public school district in which the open enrollment public charter school is likely to be located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

~~(ii) The last publication of notice shall be no less than seven (7) days before the public meeting.~~

~~(iii) The notice shall not be published in the classified or legal notice section of the newspaper.~~

SECTION 64. Arkansas Code § 6-51-503 is amended to read as follows:  
6-51-503. Procedure for purchase of lot.

When a technical institute is advanced funds from the Building Trades Revolving Fund by the Department of Career Education as provided in this subchapter, the technical institute shall, if it proposes to purchase a lot on which to build the dwelling unit or other building project, ~~cause~~ publish notice of the proposed purchase ~~to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where it proposes to purchase the lot~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. in order to give persons in the area an opportunity to offer lots for sale to the school for the construction of the dwelling unit or other building project.

SECTION 65. Arkansas Code § 6-51-507(b)(1), concerning notice of sale of a dwelling unit, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Upon receipt of the appraisal, the governing body of the technical institute or secondary area technical center shall ~~cause notice to be published in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the area that the dwelling unit or other building project will be sold by sealed bid to the highest bidder above the appraised value thereof~~ publish notice under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 66. Arkansas Code § 6-61-1008(c), concerning notice of bonds sold at public sale, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If the bonds are sold at public sale, notice of such public sale shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the state at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of sale~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and the sale of the bonds shall be awarded to the bidder whose bid results in the lowest net interest cost, taking into account any premium or discount contained in such bid.

SECTION 67. Arkansas Code § 6-62-717(b)(1), concerning notice of bonds sold at public sale, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) If the bonds are sold at public sale, ~~such~~ the public sale shall be on sealed bids, after notice published by the chair of the authority for ~~at least one (1) insertion not less than~~ twenty (20) days before the date of sale ~~in a newspaper published in Little Rock, Arkansas, and in a financial newspaper or journal published in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, which notice shall contain such other terms and provisions as the~~

~~authority determines to be desirable~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 68. Arkansas Code § 6-62-1108(a)(3)(A), concerning notice of election for bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Published by the Secretary of State ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in this state at least~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for thirty (30) days prior to the election; and

SECTION 69. Arkansas Code § 6-62-1108(e), concerning notice of election for bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The results of the election shall be proclaimed by the Governor by the publication of the proclamation ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in this state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless a complaint is filed within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication in the Pulaski County Circuit Court challenging the results.

SECTION 70. Arkansas Code § 6-71-107(e), concerning notice of filing of assessments, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Notice of the filing of the assessments shall be given by publication ~~in at least one (1) daily newspaper published in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and the notice shall state a date not less than thirty (30) days distant and the place where complaint may be made by any landowner before the board of any assessment made against his or her property.

SECTION 71. Arkansas Code § 6-71-113(b), concerning notice of annual assessments, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Immediately upon the recording of the assessment of benefits, notice thereof shall be ~~inserted in a newspaper~~ published under § 25-1-501 et seq. ~~in the county~~, and the assessment shall become final unless attacked within thirty (30) days thereafter in the circuit court of the county in which the district is located.

SECTION 72. Arkansas Code § 6-71-117(a), concerning publication of notice for collection, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The collector shall immediately upon receipt of the assessment

list cause to be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the district~~ a notice under § 25-1-501 et seq. which shall be in the following form:

“SPECIAL ASSESSMENT”

The tax books for the collection of the special assessment upon the real property in the.....Special Improvement District have been placed in my hands. All owners of real property lying in the district are required to pay their assessment to me within thirty (30) days from this date. If such payment is not made, action will be commenced at the end of that time for the collection of the assessment and for legal penalties and costs.

Given unto my hand this....day of....., 20....

.....

Collector”

SECTION 73. Arkansas Code § 6-71-134(b)(3), concerning notice of redemption money, is amended to read as follows:

(3) If the redemption money is not called for in twenty (20) days, the clerk shall advertise the receipt of the money by a notice ~~inserted one (1) time in some newspaper published in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 74. Arkansas Code § 6-71-137 is amended to read as follows:

6-71-137. Notice by publication.

If the owners of such property are nonresidents of this state, infants, or persons of unsound mind, notice shall be given by publication ~~in any newspaper in the county where the land is situated which is authorized by law to publish legal notices~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., which notice shall be published for the same length of time as may be required in other civil causes.

SECTION 75. Arkansas Code § 7-5-202(a), concerning public notice of elections, is amended to read as follows:

(a) It shall be the duty of the county board of election commissioners at least twenty (20) days before each preferential primary and general election and at least ten (10) days before the holding of each general primary, general runoff, or special election to give public notice ~~in a~~

~~newspaper of general circulation in the county of~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.:

- (1) The date of the election;
- (2) The hours of voting on election day;
- (3) The places and times for early voting;
- (4) Polling sites for holding the elections in the county;
- (5) The candidates and offices to be elected at that time; and
- (6) The time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.

SECTION 76. Arkansas Code § 7-5-207(c)(2), concerning notice of public meeting for ballot names and drawing for ballot positions, is amended to read as follows:

- (2) Notice of the public meeting shall be given by publication ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. three (3) days before the drawing.

SECTION 77. Arkansas Code § 7-5-515(c)(2), concerning preparation of machines for election, is amended to read as follows:

- (2) Public notice of the time and place of the test shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the test by publication ~~one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or weekly newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the machines if a newspaper is published in the town, city, or county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 78. Arkansas Code § 7-5-516 is amended to read as follows:

7-5-516. Notice to candidates of preparation – Rules and statutes unaffected.

Before the county board of election commissioners begins the preparation of the machines for ~~any~~ an election, it shall publish a notice ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. stating:

- (1) The time and place the machines ~~will~~ are to be prepared for the election; and
- (2) A time at which one (1) representative of each candidate may inspect to see that the machines are in proper condition for use in the election.

SECTION 79. Arkansas Code § 7-5-611(a)(3), concerning preparation of electronic vote tabulating, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Public notice of the time and place of the test shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto by publication one (1) time ~~in one (1) or more daily or weekly newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the devices, if a newspaper is published therein~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 80. Arkansas Code § 7-7-305(b), concerning printing of ballots and forms and drawing for ballot positions, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The order in which the names of the respective candidates are to appear on the ballots at all preferential and general primary elections shall be determined by lot at the public meeting of the county board of election commissioners held not later than seventy-two (72) days before the preferential primary election. The county board shall give at least ten (10) days' written notice of the time and place of the meeting to the chairs of the county committees if the chairs are not members of the board, and at least three (3) days before the meeting, shall publish notice of the time and place of holding the meeting ~~in some newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 81. Arkansas Code § 7-9-113(b)(1), concerning publications of notice of amendments, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Before the election at which ~~any~~ a proposed or referred measure is to be voted upon by the people, notice shall be published ~~in two (2) weekly issues of some newspaper in each county as is provided by law~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 82. Arkansas Code § 7-9-113(d), concerning notice of amendments, is amended to read as follows:

(d) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, in connection with a copy of the proposed amendment, to give notice ~~in the same newspapers~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. that each elector, on depositing his or her ballot at the election, shall vote for or against the amendment.

SECTION 83. Arkansas Code § 7-9-309(a), concerning method of publication of a constitutional convention, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Publication of a proposed new constitution by a constitutional convention called by the people of the state at a general election shall be made by ~~one (1) of the following methods, whichever is less costly to the state:~~

~~(1) One (1) time at the rate of two and one half cents (2 1/2¢) per word in each legal newspaper in the state by insertion of preprinted copies of the proposed new constitution furnished by the state to each legal newspaper without charge. The copies shall be in tabloid form suitable for insertion in legal newspapers and shall be printed in not less than eight-point type; or~~

~~(2) One (1) time without preprint at the rate of five cents (5¢) per word in every legal newspaper in the state.~~

~~(b) Publication of the proposed constitution shall take place not less than sixty (60) days prior to the election at which it shall be voted upon by the people of the state under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 84. Arkansas Code § 7-11-103(b), concerning vacancies in state, federal, or district offices, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The county board shall ~~cause~~ publish the proclamation, ordinance, resolution, order, or other authorized document ~~to be published~~ as soon as practicable ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the special election is held~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 85. Arkansas Code § 7-11-104(b), concerning notice of filling vacancies in local offices, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The county board shall ~~cause~~ publish the proclamation, ordinance, resolution, order, or other authorized document to be published as soon as practicable ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the special election is held~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 86. Arkansas Code § 7-11-202(b), concerning public notice of special elections on state measures, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The county board shall publish the document as soon as practicable ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the special~~

~~election is held under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 87. Arkansas Code § 7-11-203(b), concerning notice of special elections on state measures, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The county board shall publish the document as soon as practicable ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the special election is held~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 88. Arkansas Code § 8-4-202(d)(1)(D), concerning notice of intended action, is amended to read as follows:

(D) The notice shall also be published ~~at least two (2) times in newspapers having a general statewide circulation and in the appropriate industry, trade, or professional publications the commission may select~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 89. Arkansas Code § 8-4-203(e)(1)(A), concerning notice of grant or denial of any permit application, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1)(A) ~~Whenever~~ When the department proposes to grant or deny any permit application, it shall cause notice of its proposed action to be published ~~in either:~~

~~(i) A newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the facility that is the subject of the application is located; or~~

~~(ii) In the case of a statewide permit, in a newspaper of general circulation in the state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 90. Arkansas Code § 8-4-214(b)(2), concerning publication of service of notice, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Service by publication shall be accomplished ~~by one (1) insertion in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 91. Arkansas Code § 8-4-317(b)(1)(A), concerning state implementation plans, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) Whenever the department proposes to finalize a state implementation plan submittal for review and approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, it shall cause notice of its proposed action

to be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 92. Arkansas Code § 8-5-606(b)(3), concerning notice of privatization contracts, is amended to read as follows:

(3) The notice shall be published ~~in a newspaper having general circulation within the county in which a substantial portion of the project is located by one (1) publication each week for a period of two (2) weeks.~~ The first publication shall be not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the adoption of the ordinance approving the execution of the privatization contract under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 93. Arkansas Code § 8-5-607(b)(3), concerning notice of service agreements, is amended to read as follows:

(3) The notice shall be published under § 25-1-501 et seq. ~~in a newspaper having general circulation within the county in which a substantial portion of the project is located by one (1) publication each week for a period of two (2) weeks.~~ The first publication shall be not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the adoption of the ordinance approving the execution of the service agreement.

SECTION 94. Arkansas Code § 8-6-414(b)(1), concerning notification to motor vehicle owners and lienholders, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) If the identity of the last registered owner of the junk motor vehicle cannot be determined, if the certificate of registration or certificate of title ~~contains no~~ does not contain an address for the owner, or if it is impossible to determine with reasonable certainty the identity and addresses of all lienholders, then notice shall be published ~~in a newspaper of countywide circulation in the county wherein the motor vehicle was located at the time the enforcement agency took custody and possession of the vehicle~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 95. Arkansas Code § 8-6-414(c), concerning notification to motor vehicle owners and lienholders is amended to read as follows:

(c) The consequences and effect of failure to reclaim a junk motor vehicle within the ten-day period after notice is received by registered or

certified mail or within ten (10) days after the notice is published ~~in a newspaper as prescribed shall be set forth in the notice~~ under § 25-1-501.

SECTION 96. Arkansas Code § 8-6-1305(b)(2), concerning notice of permit, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Publication of a public notice ~~in the largest newspaper published in each county where the property which is the subject matter of the proposed facility permit or permit modification is located, and in at least one (1) newspaper of statewide circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., of the intent to apply for a permit or a permit modification to construct and operate a commercial medical waste incineration facility.

SECTION 97. Arkansas Code 8-7-217 is amended to read as follows:

8-7-217. Permits – Notice of hearing.

No permit shall be issued by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality or the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission for any commercial hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility unless thirty (30) days' advance notice of a hearing has been ~~placed~~ published ~~in the largest newspaper published in the county in which a facility or facilities are located or proposed to be located, as well as published in the largest newspaper published in the adjoining counties. If there is no newspaper published in any of the counties so affected, the notice shall be published in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 98. Arkansas Code § 8-7-1104(d)(3), concerning notice of prospective purchase of a contaminated site, is amended to read as follows:

(3) The prospective purchaser shall provide notice of the implementing agreement ~~in a newspaper of general circulation that serves the area in which the abandoned site is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 99. Arkansas Code § 9-9-212(a)(5)(A), concerning notice of hearing on petition, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) When the petitioner alleges that any person entitled to notice cannot be located, the court shall appoint an attorney ad litem who shall make a reasonable effort to locate and serve notice upon the person

entitled to notice; and upon failing to so serve actual notice, the attorney ad litem shall publish a notice of the hearing directed to the person entitled to notice ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the county one (1) time a week~~ for four (4) weeks, ~~the last publication being at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 100. Arkansas Code § 10-4-307(b)(1), concerning an invitation for a public servant to appear before the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) If the public servant is invited and the public servant fails to respond to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee's invitation provided above, then a second invitation shall be issued by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee in the form of a legal notice published ~~in the newspaper serving the respective county of the public servant~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The legal notice of invitation shall be published ~~at least one (1) time each week~~ for three (3) consecutive weeks ~~prior to~~ before the date of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee meeting to which the public servant has been invited.

SECTION 101. Arkansas Code § 11-2-112(a), concerning rule-making and notice of public hearing, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Before any rule is adopted, amended, or repealed, there shall be a public hearing thereon, notice of which shall be published ~~at least once and not less than ten (10) days prior to the public hearing in such newspaper as the Director of the Department of Labor may prescribe~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 103. Arkansas Code § 11-10-307(a)(2), concerning notice of general rules and regulations, is amended to read as follows:

(2) General rules shall become effective ten (10) days after filing with the Secretary of State and publication ~~in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in this state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 104. Arkansas Code § 11-10-539(a), concerning notice of extended benefits, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Whenever an extended benefit period is to become effective in this

state as a result of a state “on” indicator or an extended benefit period is to be terminated in this state as a result of a state “off” indicator, the Director of the Department of Workforce Services shall have published an appropriate notice ~~in newspapers of general circulation in the state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 105. Arkansas Code § 11-10-1006(b)(1)(A), concerning notice of election, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Published by the Secretary of State ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the state at least~~ for thirty (30) days prior to the election under § 25-1-501 et seq; and

SECTION 106. Arkansas Code § 12-63-305(c)(1)(A), concerning notice of conveyance or disposal of military real property, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1)(A) Before the Adjutant General shall lease, rent, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of any estate in any real property or improvement on the property other than a lease or rental for thirty (30) days or less for the use of real property, buildings, armories, airfields, or other improvements that are temporarily not required for military purposes, he or she shall publish a notice ~~one (1) time in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in the state at least~~ for ten (10) days before the date on which the property is offered for conveyance or disposal under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 107. Arkansas Code § 13-5-1004(c)(1), concerning publication of notice of abandoned loan, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) If the museum is unable to determine the identity of the lender or the lender’s address, the museum shall publish the notice required under subsection (d) of this section ~~at least one (1) time a week~~ for four (4) consecutive weeks ~~in at least one (1) newspaper with general circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. in:

- (A) The county:
  - (i) Of last known address of the lender; and
  - (ii) In which the museum is located; or
- (B) The State of Arkansas.

SECTION 108. Arkansas Code § 14-14-104 is amended to read as follows:

14-14-104. Publication requirements.

~~(a) Unless otherwise specifically provided, when a county government is required to publish, publication shall be by a one time insertion in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.~~

~~(b) Where no newspaper of general circulation exists in a county, publication may be made by posting in three (3) public places which have been designated by ordinance under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 109. Arkansas Code § 14-14-405(b), concerning filing and publishing of plan, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Within fifteen (15) days of the filing of an apportionment plan, the clerk of the county court shall cause notice to be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. in the county the district boundaries apportioned and the number of inhabitants within them.

SECTION 110. Arkansas Code § 14-14-406 is amended to read as follows:

14-14-406. Contest of apportionment.

Original jurisdiction of any suit to contest the apportionment made for county quorum court districts by a county board of election commissioners is vested in the circuit court of the affected county. Any such contest shall be filed with the circuit court within thirty (30) days following the date of publication ~~appears in a newspaper of general circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 111. Arkansas Code § 14-14-609(b)(1), concerning notice of referendum or proposed plan, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Any ordinance or initiative petition submitting an alternative organization proposal to the voters shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation within the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. no later than the first day of filing for the preferential primary immediately preceding the general election at which the alternative county government proposal shall be decided.

SECTION 112. Arkansas Code § 14-14-917(c)(1)-(3), concerning notice of

initiative referendum elections for county government election, are amended to read as follows:

(1) Initiative Petitions. Upon certification of any initiative or referendum petition measure submitted during the time limitations for a regular election, the county clerk shall give notice ~~through publication by a two-time insertion, at not less than a seven-day interval, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or as provided by law~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. Publication notice shall state that the measure will be submitted to the electors for adoption or rejection at the next regular election and shall include the full text, the ballot title, and the official numeric designation of the measure.

(2) Referendum Petition. Upon certifying any referendum petition prior to the time limitations of filing measures established for a regular election, the county clerk shall give notice ~~through~~ by publication ~~by a one-time insertion in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or as provided by law~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. Publication notice shall state that the measure will be submitted to the electors for adoption or rejection at the next regular election or a special election when ordered by the county court and shall include the full text, the ballot title, and the official numeric designation of the measure.

(3) Publication of Special Referendum Election Notice. Upon filing of a special election order by the county court, the county clerk shall give notice of the election ~~through~~ by publication ~~by a two-time insertion, at not less than a seven-day interval, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or as provided by law~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. Publication shall state that the measure will be submitted to the electors for adoption or rejection at a special election and shall include the full text, the date of the election, the ballot title, and official numeric designation of the measure.

SECTION 113. Arkansas Code § 14-16-105(e)(2)(A), concerning notice of sale of county property, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Notice of the sale shall be published ~~for two (2) consecutive weekly insertions in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 114. Arkansas Code § 14-16-106(b)(1), concerning notice of public auction or Internet sale, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Notice of the public auction or Internet sale shall be published ~~at least one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 115. Arkansas Code § 14-16-110(b)(1), concerning notice of public hearing of petition is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Immediately upon the filing of the petition, the judge of the county court shall make an order fixing a time and place for a public hearing on the petition, notice of which order shall be given by the county clerk by publication ~~one (1) time in a legal newspaper having a bona fide legal circulation in the county or county district at least~~ for ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the hearing under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 116. Arkansas Code § 14-16-302(a)(1), concerning notice inviting sealed bids for real property, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The county judge shall publish a notice inviting sealed bids for the leasing, letting, selling, or conveying of real property for the production, reclamation, and refining of crude biogenic gases. This notice shall be published ~~in a legal newspaper in the county where the property is located one (1) time each week~~ for the four (4) weeks immediately prior to the date set for receiving bids under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 117. Arkansas Code § 14-18-106(b)(1), concerning notice of filing of petition to vacate street, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Upon the filing of the petition, the county clerk shall promptly give notice, ~~by publication once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., that the petition has been filed and that on a certain day therein named the county court will hear all persons desiring to be heard on the question of whether the street, alley, or roadway, or portion thereof, shall be vacated.

SECTION 118. Arkansas Code § 14-19-107(a)(2), concerning notice of meeting of the court, is amended to read as follows:

~~(2)(A) Notice of the meeting of the court shall be published ten (10) days by advertisement in some newspaper printed in the county.~~

~~(B) If there is no such paper, the publication shall be by written notices posted at some public place at the county site of the county and at nine (9) other public places in the county, ten (10) days before the convening of such court under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 119. Arkansas Code § 14-21-102(b)(1), concerning publication of annual finance report of county, is amended to read as follows:

~~(b)(1)(A) The clerk of the county court shall cause to be published one (1) time in one (1) newspaper published in the county under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~ the annual financial report of the county.

~~(B) If no newspaper is published in the county, then the clerk of the county court shall cause the annual financial report of the county to be published one (1) time in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the county.~~

SECTION 120. Arkansas Code § 14-22-101(2)(A), concerning notice of formal bidding, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Notice shall be given of the date, time, and place of opening of bids, and the names or a brief description and the specifications of the commodities for which bids are to be received, ~~by one (1) insertion in a newspaper with a general circulation in the county, not less than ten (10) days nor more than~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. thirty (30) days ~~prior to~~ before the date fixed for opening such bids;

SECTION 121. Arkansas Code § 14-24-115 is amended to read as follows:

14-24-115. Notice of redemption, etc.

It shall be the duty of the clerk of the county court to furnish the sheriff of the county with a true copy of the order of the court within ten (10) days after the adjournment of the court. Then it shall be the duty of the sheriff to notify the holders of the county scrip to present the scrip to the court, at the time and place fixed, for redemption, cancellation, reissuance, or classification of it, or for any other purpose whatever specified in the order of the court, by putting up at the courthouse door and at the election precincts in each township of the county, at least thirty

(30) days before the time appointed by the order of the court for the presentation of the scrip, a true copy of the order of the court in the premises, and by publishing ~~it in newspapers printed and published in the State of Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for ~~two (2) weeks in succession,~~ the last insertion to be at least the thirty (30) days before the time fixed by the court for the presentation of the scrip.

SECTION 122. Arkansas Code § 14-37-112(b)(2)(B), concerning notice of procedure on how an incorporated town may become a city of the second class, is amended to read as follows:

(B) However, the mayor of the incorporated town which has been raised to a city of the second class may call a special election by proclamation, to be held in accordance with § 7-11-101 et seq., which shall be published ~~by two (2) insertions in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the city is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This special election shall be held for the purpose of electing officers for the city of the second class.

SECTION 123. Arkansas Code § 14-38-101(d)(2)(A), concerning notice of petition for incorporation for municipalities, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)~~(i)~~ Thereupon, the petitioners or their agent shall cause a notice to be published ~~in some newspaper of general circulation in the county for not less than~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for three (3) consecutive weeks.

~~(ii) If there is no newspaper of general circulation in the county, a notice shall be posted at some public place within the limits of the proposed incorporated town for at least three (3) weeks before the time of the hearing.~~

SECTION 124. Arkansas Code § 14-38-113(a)(1), concerning notice of reorganizing of a municipality under a different form of government, is amended to read as follows:

(1) When petitions shall be filed with the mayor containing the signatures of qualified electors of the municipality equal in number to fifteen percent (15%) of the aggregate number of votes cast at the preceding general municipal election of all candidates for mayor in the case of a

municipality operating under the aldermanic form of government or the commission form of government, and for all candidates for the office of director for the director position for which the greatest number of votes were cast in the case of a municipality operating under the manager form of government, requesting that an election be called to submit the proposition of organizing the municipality under any other form of municipal government authorized by the laws of this state, a special election shall be called by the mayor by proclamation, to be held in accordance with § 7-11-201 et seq. The proclamation ~~shall be published one (1) time at length in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality,~~ and notice of the election shall be published ~~in the newspaper one (1) time a week for two (2) weeks,~~ with the first publication to be not less than fifteen ~~(15) days before the date set for the election~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.;

SECTION 125. Arkansas Code § 14-38-113(a)(3)(B)(ii), concerning notice of special election, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) The mayor's proclamation shall be issued within one (1) business day after the results of the election have been certified to him or her. The proclamation shall be published at least one (1) time a week for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper having general circulation within the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and the date of the special election shall be within ninety (90) days from the date of the proclamation calling the special election.

SECTION 126. Arkansas Code § 14-38-115(d)(2)(A), concerning notice of petition for incorporation, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The petitioners or their agent shall publish a notice ~~in some newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for not less than three (3) consecutive weeks.

SECTION 127. Arkansas Code § 14-38-115(g)(1)(D), concerning notice of an alternative method for municipal incorporation, is amended to read as follows:

(D) The county clerk shall give notice of the election ~~by publication by at least one (1) insertion in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 128. Arkansas Code § 14-40-303(c)(1)(D), concerning notice of election by city clerk, is amended to read as follows:

(D) The city clerk shall give notice of the election by publication ~~by at least one (1) insertion in some newspaper having a general circulation in the city~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 129. Arkansas Code § 14-40-602(b), concerning notice of hearing on petition, is amended to read as follows:

b)(1)(A) Between the time of the filing of the petition and the date of the hearing, the petitioners shall cause a notice to be published ~~in some newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

(B) The notice shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for three (3) consecutive weeks.

(2) ~~If there is no newspaper of general circulation in the county, notice shall be posted at some public place within the limits of the incorporated town or city for at least three (3) weeks before the date of the hearing.~~

~~(3)~~ The notice referred to in this subsection shall contain the substance of the petition and state the time and place appointed for the hearing thereof.

SECTION 130. Arkansas Code § 14-40-1202(a)(1)(B), concerning notice of special election called, is amended to read as follows:

(B) The court shall give thirty (30) days' notice of the election by publication ~~one (1) time a week in some newspaper with a bona fide circulation in the territory and by notices posted in conspicuous places in the territory~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 131. Arkansas Code § 14-40-1902(a), concerning notice of hearing and determination, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon the filing of the petition, the county court shall set a date for hearing thereon, not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than thirty (30) days after the first publication of notice of the filing of the petition. Notice of the filing shall be published ~~once each week for not less than two (2) weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city or~~

~~incorporated town~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 132. Arkansas Code § 14-41-305(a), concerning notice of petition, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon the filing of a petition, the county court shall immediately cause notice to be published for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~by at least two (2) insertions in some newspaper published in the county having a bona fide circulation therein~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., stating the substance contained in the petition.

SECTION 133. Arkansas Code § 14-42-206(d)(2)(B), concerning notice of an ordinance requiring independent candidates for municipal office to file a petition, is amended to read as follows:

(B) The ordinance shall be published ~~at least one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq. immediately following adoption of the ordinance ~~in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city.~~

SECTION 134. Arkansas Code § 14-42-304(c), concerning notice of proposed amendment to charter, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The proposed amendment shall be published ~~at least one (1) time in some newspaper of general circulation throughout the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 135. Arkansas Code § 14-47-106(b)(1)(B), concerning notice of election on city manager form of government, is amended to read as follows:

(B) The proclamation ~~shall be published at length in some newspaper published in the city for one (1) time,~~ and notice of the election shall be published ~~in some newspaper published in the city one (1) time a week for two (2) weeks, the first publication to be not less than fifteen (15) days before the date set for the election~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. No other notice of the election shall be necessary;

SECTION 136. Arkansas Code § 14-47-107(a)(2), concerning notice of subsequent election on aldermanic form of government, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The proclamation shall be published ~~at length one (1) time in some newspaper published in the city~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. Notice of the election shall be published ~~in some newspaper published in the city one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq., the first publication to be not less than fifteen (15) days before the date set for the election. No other notice of the election shall be necessary.

SECTION 137. Arkansas Code § 14-47-140(i), concerning authorization for election concerning mayor, is amended to read as follows:

(i) Within thirty (30) calendar days after completion of the tabulation of the votes, the mayor of the city shall proclaim the results of the election by issuing a proclamation and publishing it one (1) time ~~in a newspaper having general circulation within the city~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 138. Arkansas Code § 14-48-104(c)(2)(A), concerning submission of governmental form question to electors, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The proclamation shall be published ~~one (1) time at length in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 139. Arkansas Code § 14-48-105(b)(2)(B)(i), concerning procedure to change to another form of government, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) Notice of the election shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper having a general circulation in the city~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., the first publication to be not less than fifteen (15) days before the date set for the election.

SECTION 140. Arkansas Code § 14-48-109(a)(1)(B)(ii), concerning election of directors and mayor, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) A proclamation of the election shall be signed by the mayor and published in accordance with § 7-11-101 et seq. ~~in some newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.;

SECTION 141. Arkansas Code § 14-49-304(b)(3)(A), concerning rules and

regulations, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) Public advertisements of all examinations by publication of notice ~~in some newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the city~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. and by posting of notice at the city hall at least ten (10) days before the date of the examination.

SECTION 142. Arkansas Code § 14-50-304(b)(3)(A), concerning rules and regulations, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) Public advertisements of all examinations by publication of notice ~~in some newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the city~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. and by posting of notice at the city hall at least ten (10) days before the date of the examination.

SECTION 143. Arkansas Code § 14-51-301(b)(3)(A), concerning rules and regulations, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) Public advertisement of all examinations by publication of notice ~~in some newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the city~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. and by posting of notice at the city hall at least ten (10) days before the date of the examinations.

SECTION 144. Arkansas Code § 14-54-903(g), concerning refusal of owner to comply, is amended to read as follows:

(g) If the name of the owner cannot be determined, then the amount of the clean-up lien or court lien shall be determined at a public hearing before the governing body of the city or town only after publication of notice of the hearing ~~in a newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the county where the property is located for one (1) insertion per week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for four (4) consecutive weeks.

SECTION 145. Arkansas Code § 14-54-1101(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of livestock running at large, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) If the owner of the stock is unknown to the person or officer taking up or impounding, then that person or officer shall post written notices in at least three (3) public places in the incorporated towns, and by notice ~~in some newspaper in cities of the first and second class~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This notice shall give a description of the

animal, set out therein the marks, brands, and flesh marks of the animals so impounded, and call upon the owner of the animal to prove his ownership or interest therein to such person or officer having it in his possession or custody, within ten (10) days after the publication of the notice.

SECTION 146. Arkansas Code § 14-55-206(a)(1), concerning notice of publishing or posting requirements, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)~~(A)~~ All bylaws or ordinances of a general or permanent nature and all those imposing any fine, penalty, or forfeiture shall be published ~~in some newspaper published in the municipality.~~

~~(B) In municipalities in which no newspaper is published, written or printed notice posted in five (5) of the most public places designated by the governing body in an ordinance or minutes of the governing body shall be deemed a sufficient publication of any law or ordinance under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 147. Arkansas Code § 14-56-416(b)(3)(B), concerning zoning ordinances, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Each session of the board shall be a public meeting with public notice of the meeting and business to be carried on published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the city, at least one (1) time for~~ seven (7) days prior to the meeting under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 148. Arkansas Code § 14-56-422(1)(B), concerning adoption of plans, ordinances, and regulations, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Notice of public hearing shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the city at least one (1) time for~~ fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 149. Arkansas Code § 14-57-605(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of election, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Notice of the election shall be given by the presiding officer of the legislative body of the issuing municipality ~~by advertisement once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the municipality or, if no newspaper is published therein, in a newspaper having a bona fide and general circulation therein~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 150. Arkansas Code § 14-57-605(b)(4)(A), concerning notice of election for issuance of revenue bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(4)(A) The result of the election, after the vote has been canvassed by the county board of election commissioners, shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body. His or her proclamation shall be published ~~one (1) time in some newspaper published in the municipality or, if none is published therein, in a newspaper having a bona fide circulation therein~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 151. Arkansas Code § 14-57-606(c), concerning notice of form and sale of bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(c)~~(1)~~ The bonds shall be sold at a public sale after advertisement ~~once a week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq ~~for three (3) weeks in some newspaper published in the county in which the municipality lies.~~

~~(2) The first publication shall be not less than twenty (20) days before the date fixed for the sale.~~

SECTION 152. Arkansas Code § 14-58-303(b)(2)(A)(i), concerning notice of purchases and contracts for cities of the first class, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)(i) Except as provided under § 14-58-104, in a city of the first class where the amount of expenditure for any purpose or contract exceeds the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), the mayor or the mayor's authorized representative shall invite competitive bidding on the purpose or contract by ~~legal~~ advertisement ~~in any local newspaper~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 153. Arkansas Code § 14-58-1001(b)(3), concerning notice of the intention of a municipality to receive written proposals for projects exceeding two million dollars, is amended to read as follows:

(3) A municipality shall:

(A) Publish notice of its intention to receive written proposals three (3) consecutive days ~~in a newspaper of local distribution~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.;

(B) Allow a minimum of ten (10) working days from the

first date of publication for the professionals to send letters or resumes in response to the newspaper advertisement; and

(C) Provide additional means of notification, if any, as the municipality shall determine is appropriate.

SECTION 154. Arkansas Code § 14-72-205(c), concerning the refunding of bonds issued under the provisions of the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 17, and laws in aid thereof, is amended to read as follows:

(c) This order shall be published ~~one (1) time in some newspaper published in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. If no suit is brought within thirty (30) days after the publication to review the correctness of the finding made in the order, the finding shall be conclusive of the proportionate part of the funding bond issue represented by indebtedness for the construction of a courthouse or a jail, or both, and shall not be open to further attack.

SECTION 155. Arkansas Code § 14-72-302(c), concerning notice of bonds sold at public auction, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The bonds may be sold at public auction or upon sealed bids after notice by publication ~~once a week~~ not less than seven (7) days before the date of sale and for at least three (3) ~~insertions in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county. The last insertion is to be not less than seven (7) days before the date of sale, or they may be exchanged at par for warrants maturing on their date~~ weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 156. Arkansas Code § 14-72-304(b), concerning the form of ballot, returns, and appeals for county bonds issued for courthouses and jails, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The election officers shall make their returns of the result of the election to the county court which shall then enter of record an order showing the number of votes cast in favor of the bond issue and the number cast against it, and the clerk of the court shall publish the order ~~for one (1) insertion in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 157. Arkansas Code § 14-72-306(a), concerning publication of sale of bonds for county courthouses and jails, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Bonds that may be issued to pay for courthouses or jails, or both, which may be built or extended, shall be sold only at public auction or on sealed bids after notice given by order of the county court and published ~~once a week~~ not less than seven (7) days before the date of sale and for at least three (3) ~~insertions in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county, the last insertion to be not less than seven (7) days before the date of sale~~ weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 158. Arkansas Code § 14-72-503(b)(2), concerning methods of issuance of refunding bonds issued under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 13, is amended to read as follows:

(2) No refunding bonds shall be sold except at public sale after twenty (20) days' ~~advertisement in some newspaper of bona fide circulation in the city issuing them~~ publication under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 159. Arkansas Code § 14-72-606(b)(2), concerning election procedures and election contests related to local government revenue bond elections, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Notice of the election shall be given by the clerk of the county or municipality ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having general circulation within the county or municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. not less than ten (10) days prior to the election.

SECTION 160. Arkansas Code § 14-72-606(c)(1), concerning election procedures and election contests related to local government revenue bond elections, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) The county judge or mayor of the county or municipality shall proclaim the results of the election by issuing a proclamation and publishing the proclamation ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation within the county or municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 161. Arkansas Code § 14-72-608 is amended to read as follows:  
14-72-608. Elections held prior to effective date.

Any election called for the purpose of authorizing revenue bonds and any ordinances or resolutions of a legislative body, or orders of a county court adopted in connection therewith prior to May 8, 1986, shall be deemed ratified and in full compliance with this subchapter if the ordinance, order, or resolution calling the election or notice of election was published ~~at least one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality or county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and all other procedures followed complied substantially with the provisions of this subchapter.

SECTION 162. Arkansas Code § 14-88-203(a)(2), concerning petition and creation of municipal improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The notice shall be published ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks, ~~the last insertion to be~~ not less than seven (7) days before the date fixed for the hearing under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 163. Arkansas Code § 14-88-207(b)-(d), concerning the hearing and establishment of a municipal improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(b)~~(1)~~ The ordinance shall be published within thirty (30) days after its adoption ~~for one (1) insertion, in some newspaper published in the city or town where the district lies, or if there is no such newspaper, then in some newspaper published in the county.~~

~~(2)(A) Where improvement districts are organized in any city or town in which no newspaper is regularly published, all notices required may be published in any newspaper that is published and has a bona fide circulation in the county.~~

~~(B) If there is no newspaper published in the county where the city or town lies, the ordinances and notices provided for in the cases of local improvement districts in cities and towns may be published by posting them in at least ten (10) conspicuous places in the city or town where the improvement is to be made under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

(c) The findings of the governing body shall be conclusive unless attacked by a suit in the chancery court of the county, brought within thirty (30) days after the publication.

(d) The governing body and the chancery court in their finding shall be governed by the record of deeds in the office of the recorder of the

county and shall not consider any unrecorded instrument. They shall also be governed by the value placed upon the property as shown by the last county assessment on file in the county clerk's office.

SECTION 164. Arkansas Code § 14-88-503(a)(2), concerning annexation of territory into a municipal improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Thereupon, the city or town council shall direct the clerk or recorder to publish for two (2) weeks, ~~in some newspaper issued and having a general circulation in the county where the city or town is situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., a notice calling upon the property owners to appear before the council on a day named and show cause for or against the annexation.

SECTION 165. Arkansas Code § 14-89-401 is amended to read as follows:  
14-89-401. Purpose.

This subchapter is intended to permit only the refunding of valid outstanding bonds and accrued matured interest on the bonds of any municipal improvement district, expressly including bonds on which judgment has been rendered in any court and not including any other form of indebtedness, and then only after the board of improvement thirty (30) days prior to the actual refunding has given notice to do so ~~in some newspaper of bona fide circulation in the county where the district which will refund is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 166. Arkansas Code § 14-89-403(2), concerning methods of raising revenue for municipal improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2) A district issuing refunding bonds may provide by resolution of the board of commissioners duly adopted that the entire balance unpaid on the date of the refunding bonds, for the assessment of benefits against each lot, block, and parcel of land and railroad track and right-of-way shall be the assessment of benefits against each respective lot, block, and parcel of land and railroad track and right-of-way for the refunding issue of bonds and shall draw interest, as provided in the resolution of the commissioners authorizing the issuance of the refunding bonds, from the date of the

refunding bonds until paid. However, the interest need not be collected until it is necessary to do so to avoid exceeding the total amount of benefits and, if collected, shall be collected on each installment, or annual levy separately. After the date of the refunding bonds, the annual levies of the assessment of benefits shall be collected on the respective assessments of benefits as thus fixed against each lot, block, and parcel of land and railroad track and right-of-way, with or without an interest charge thereon, as the commissioners may deem necessary. However, when such a resolution is adopted by the board, it shall be certified by the secretary of the district, and it shall be filed with the city clerk or town recorder who shall publish ~~in some newspaper published in the city or town, if there be one, and if not then in some newspaper published in the county and having a bona fide circulation in the city or town~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., a notice which shall be in the following form:

“NOTICE TO OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN .... IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. .... OF ....., ARKANSAS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner(s) of .... Improvement District No. ....of ....., Arkansas, have filed with the undersigned a resolution fixing the assessment of benefits on each lot, block and parcel of land and railroad track and right-of-way in said improvement district, and the same is now subject to inspection. Any property owner in said district may appeal to the City (or Town) Council within ten (10) days from this date.

GIVEN this .... day of ....., ~~19~~ 20 .....

.....City Clerk (or Town Recorder)  
of . .....

Within ten (10) days after the publication of the notice, the district or any property owner may apply to the city or town council to revise the assessment so made, and the district or the property owner may within thirty (30) days apply to the ~~chancery~~ circuit court of the county to have the assessment revised and corrected. If no application is made to the council within ten (10) days or to the court within thirty (30) days, the assessment shall become final and incontestable, subject only to annual revision as provided by law. On appeal to the city or town council, a hearing can be had as prescribed in § 14-90-501. When the assessment is filed, the city clerk or town recorder shall make the corrections upon the original assessment roll on file in red ink, and shall certify said assessment to the collector of the

district.

SECTION 167. Arkansas Code § 14-90-402 is amended to read as follows:  
14-90-402. Notice of filing.

Immediately on the filing of an assessment by the assessors of a municipal improvement district, the city clerk shall insert ~~in some newspaper~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. the following notice:

“The assessment of local Improvement District No. .... (giving the number of the district) was filed in my office on the .... day of ....., 19 20....., and the same is now subject to inspection.

.....  
Clerk of the City of ....”

SECTION 168. Arkansas Code § 14-90-602(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of revision of assessments for municipal improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) On the filing of a reassessment with the city clerk or town clerk, the city clerk or town clerk shall publish ~~in a newspaper published in the county one (1) time a week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for two (2) weeks a notice as follows:

“The reassessment of Improvement District No \_\_\_\_\_ (giving the style and number of the district) has been filed in my office, and the same is now open for inspection.

“All persons wishing to be heard on the reassessment shall be heard by the commissioners of the district in the office of the city clerk or town clerk at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2 \_\_\_\_\_.

Clerk of the City (or Town) of \_\_\_\_\_ ”

SECTION 169. Arkansas Code § 14-90-803 is amended to read as follows:  
14-90-803. Publication of ordinance.

Within thirty (30) days after the passage of the ordinance mentioned in § 14-90-801, the recorder or city clerk shall publish a copy of it ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the town or city for one (1) time; or if no newspaper is published in the city or town, then in some newspaper published in the county; and, if no newspaper is published~~

~~in the county, then by posting in at least ten (10) conspicuous places in the city or town~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 170. Arkansas Code § 14-90-903 is amended to read as follows:

14-90-903. Notice for collection of assessment.

The county tax collector shall immediately upon the receipt of the certified copies of the municipal improvement district assessment of benefits and ordinance cause to be published ~~in some newspaper published in the city~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. a notice, which may be in the following form:

“Special Assessment

“The tax book for the collection of the first annual special assessment upon the real property in District No. .... for the purpose of .... has been placed in my hands. All owners of real property lying in the District are required to pay their assessment to me within thirty (30) days from this date. If such payment is not made, action shall be commenced at the end of that time for the collection of said assessments and for legal penalties and costs.

“Given under my hand this .... day of ..., ~~19~~ 20 ....

.....  
County Collector”

SECTION 171. Arkansas Code § 14-90-1003(a), concerning publication of notice for suits to enforce payment of assessments by municipal improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notice of the pendency of a suit to collect delinquent municipal improvement district assessments shall be given by publication ~~weekly~~ for two (2) weeks before judgment shall be entered for the sale of the lands, ~~in some newspaper published in the county where the suit is pending~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 172. Arkansas Code § 14-90-1302(c)(2), concerning waiver of right to redeem property sold to collect delinquent municipal improvement district assessments, is amended to read follows:

(2) In case the owner of the certificate of purchase shall not be known and that fact shall be made apparent to the court, the court shall cause publication to be made of a copy of the order ~~in some newspaper~~

~~published in the city for two (2) insertions. The last insertion shall be under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least two (2) weeks before the making of the order contemplated in this section.~~

SECTION 173. Arkansas Code § 14-90-1408(a)(1), concerning publication of notice related to supplementary foreclosure proceedings for delinquent payment of assessments by municipal improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The warning order or notice of the pendency of a suit under this subchapter shall be given by publication ~~weekly~~ for two (2) weeks before judgment is entered for the sale of the lands, lots, blocks, or parcels of land, or railroad tracks and rights-of-way ~~in some newspaper published in the county where the suits may be pending~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 174. Arkansas Code § 14-90-1409(b)(1), concerning the trial, decree, and sale related to supplementary foreclosure proceedings for delinquent payment of assessments by a municipal improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) In all cases where notice has been properly given as prescribed in § 14-90-1408 and where no answer has been filed, or, if filed, and the cause decided for the plaintiff, the court, by its decree, shall grant the relief as requested in the complaint and shall direct the commissioner to sell the lands, lots, blocks, or parcels of land, or railroad tracks and rights-of-way described in the complaint at the courthouse door of the county where the decree is entered, at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, after having first advertised the sale. This advertisement may include all the different properties described in the decree. It shall be published ~~weekly~~ for two (2) weeks, ~~consecutively, in some newspaper published in the county, or, if there is no such newspaper, the advertisement may be published in some newspaper published in an adjoining county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 175. Arkansas Code § 14-91-309(b)(1)(C)(ii)(b)(1)(A), concerning eminent domain proceedings related to construction in levee or flood control districts, is amended to read as follows:

(A) If the owners are nonresidents

of the state, or if it is alleged in the petition that the owners of any tract or persons having an interest in any tract are unknown or uncertain, it shall be the duty of the clerk to publish a warning order ~~in some newspaper published in the municipality in which the district is located once a week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for two (2) consecutive weeks.

SECTION 176. Arkansas Code § 14-91-604 is amended to read as follows:  
14-91-604. Readjustment of assessment.

The assessment made pursuant to § 14-91-601 may be annually readjusted according to additional improvements upon the lands by the board of assessors. Immediately upon the recording of the assessment, notice thereof shall be ~~inserted in some newspaper~~ published under § 25-1-501 et seq., and appeals may be filed and shall be heard and disposed of all in the same manner as provided by law for publishing notice of and protesting against the original assessment for the improvement.

SECTION 177. Arkansas Code § 14-91-1002(b)(2)(A), concerning proceedings to approve sale of waterworks, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Upon the filing of this petition, the council of the city or town shall give notice by publication ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county in which the city or town is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., advising the owners of real property within the city or town that on a day therein named the council of the city or town will hear the petition and determine whether those signing it constitute a majority in value of the owners of real property.

SECTION 178. Arkansas Code § 14-92-101(c)(2)(A), concerning assessments delinquent for more than two years for suburban improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Upon the filing of the assessment book, the secretary of the board shall thereupon give notice of its filing ~~in a~~ by publication ~~of one (1) insertion in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 179. Arkansas Code § 14-92-204(a)(4), concerning a hearing prior to filing a petition to form a suburban improvement district, is

amended to read as follows:

(4)(A) ~~The notice shall also be published in a newspaper having general circulation within the counties where the proposed district is located.~~

~~(B) The publication shall be once a week for two (2) weeks prior to the public meeting under § 25-1-501 et seq., and the notice shall indicate the date and location of the public hearing.~~

SECTION 180. Arkansas Code § 14-92-205(e)(2), concerning petition to form a suburban improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(2) All notices in that event shall be published ~~in newspapers published and having a bona fide circulation in each county in which the district embraces land~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 181. Arkansas Code § 14-92-206(2)(A), concerning a hearing on petition to form a suburban improvement district and determination, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The notice shall be published ~~once a week for two (2) weeks in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county where the lands affected are situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 182. Arkansas Code § 14-92-217(b)(2), concerning notice of filing of changed plans for suburban improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Notice of the filing shall be given by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper issued and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 183. Arkansas Code § 14-92-226(a)(2)(A(i)), concerning notice of assessment for suburban improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)(i) The secretary of the board of commissioners shall thereupon give notice of its filing by publication ~~once a week for two (2) weeks in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

This notice may be in the following form:

“Notice is hereby given that the assessment of benefits and damages of ..... District Number .... has been filed in the office of the county clerk of County, and where it is open to inspection. All persons wishing to be heard on said assessment will be heard by the commissioners and the assessor of said district between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., at ... , in City of ....., Arkansas, on the ....day of ..., 19 20.....

.....  
Secretary”

SECTION 184. Arkansas Code § 14-92-228(d)(1), concerning levy of tax for suburban improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) The commissioners shall, promptly after entry of an order levying the tax, publish once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper having general circulation in the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., a notice setting forth the order of levy and warning all persons affected by it that it shall become final unless suit is brought to contest it within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication of the notice.

SECTION 185. Arkansas Code § 14-92-305(a), concerning notice and hearing on bonds related to suburban improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) After the adoption of the resolution, ~~it~~ notice shall be published ~~once in a newspaper published in the county where the system lies. If there is no newspaper so published, then the resolution shall be posted in at least three (3) public places in the county, with a notice to all persons concerned~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. stating that the resolution has been adopted, that the consolidated system contemplates the issuance of the bonds so described, and that any person interested may appear before the county judge of the county upon a certain date, not less than ten (10) days subsequent to the publication or posting, to present protests.

SECTION 186. Arkansas Code § 14-92-401(b), concerning notice of petition by landowners related to suburban improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Upon the filing of the petition, the board shall give notice by publication ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper having a general~~

~~circulation throughout the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., advising the owners of real property within the district that on a day therein named the commissioners will hear the petition and determine whether those signing it constitute a two-thirds (2/3) majority in value of the owners of real property within the district.

SECTION 187. Arkansas Code § 14-93-105(e)(2), concerning petition to form a property owner's improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Any notices in that event shall be published ~~in newspapers published and having a bona fide circulation in each county in which the district embraces land~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 188. Arkansas Code § 14-93-108(a), concerning removal of board members of property owners' improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) When the owners of two-thirds (2/3) in assessed value of the real property located within any district shall sign a petition stating that the petitioners believe it to be in the best interest of the district that the board, or any member thereof, be removed and shall file it with the county court of the county in which the district is located, the court shall set a date for a hearing thereon and shall give notice thereof ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the district at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 189. Arkansas Code § 14-93-117(a)(2)(A), concerning filing, notice of assessment, and hearing related to property owners' improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The secretary of the board shall thereupon give notice of its filing by publication ~~once a week for two (2) weeks in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 190. Arkansas Code § 14-93-119(d)(1), concerning levy of tax related to property owners' improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) The board shall, promptly after entry of an order levying the

tax, publish ~~once a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper having general circulation in the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. a notice setting forth the order of levy and warning all persons affected thereby that it shall become final unless suit is brought to contest it within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication of the notice.

SECTION 191. Arkansas Code § 14-93-123(c), concerning payment of taxes to and enforcement power of property owner's improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Notice of Proceedings for Collection of Taxes. Notice of the pendency of the suit shall be given by publication ~~weekly~~ for four (4) weeks before judgment is entered for the sale of the lands ~~in some newspaper published in the county where the suits may be pending~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. , which public notice may be in the following terms:

“Board of Commissioners, Property Owners’ Improvement District  
vs.

Delinquent Lands

All persons having or claiming an interest in any of the following described lands, are hereby notified that suit is pending in the Chancery Court of \_\_\_ County, Arkansas, to enforce the collection of certain property owners’ improvement district taxes on the subjoined list of lands, each supposed owner having been set opposite his or her or its lands, together with the amounts severally due from each, to wit:

.....”

(Then shall follow a list of supposed owners, with a descriptive list of said delinquent lands, and amounts due thereon respectively as aforesaid), and said public notice may conclude in the following form:

“All persons and corporations interested in said lands are hereby notified that they are required by law to appear within four (4) weeks and make defense to said suit, or the same will be taken for confessed, and final judgment will be entered directing the sale of said lands for the purpose of collecting said taxes, together with the payment of interest, penalty, and costs allowed by law.

.....  
Clerk of Said Court.”

SECTION 192. Arkansas Code § 14-93-123(f)(1)(B)(i), concerning payment of taxes and enforcement related to property owners' improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) The court shall direct the commissioner to sell the lands described in the complaint at the courthouse door of the county wherein the decree is entered, at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, after having first advertised the sale weekly for two (2) weeks, consecutively, ~~in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 193. Arkansas Code § 14-93-133(b)(3), concerning annexation of lands outside property owners' improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(3) The county court shall then direct the clerk to publish for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper having general circulation in each county in which the district and the territory proposed to be annexed is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. a notice calling upon the owners in the district and the territory proposed to be annexed to appear before the county court on the date and time and at the place named in the notice and show cause for or against the annexation.

SECTION 194. Arkansas Code § 14-94-106(c), concerning hearing on petition and determination related to municipal property owners; improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The ordinance establishing the district shall be published within thirty (30) days after its adoption ~~by one (1) insertion in some newspaper of general circulation in the municipality in which the district lies~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 195. Arkansas Code § 14-94-108(a), concerning removal of board members of a municipal property owners improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(a) When the owners of two-thirds (2/3) in assessed value of the real property located within any district shall sign a petition stating that the petitioners believe it to be in the best interest of the district that the

board, or any member thereof, be removed and shall file the petition with the governing body, the governing body shall set a date for a hearing on the petition and shall give notice of the hearing ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the district~~ at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 196. Arkansas Code § 14-94-116(a)(2)(A), concerning filing, notice of assessment, and hearing for municipal property owners' improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The secretary of the board shall thereupon give notice of its filing ~~by two (2) publications in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality in which the district lies, with the first publication to be~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. not fewer than seven (7) days prior to the date set for the hearing.

SECTION 197. Arkansas Code § 14-94-118(c)(1), concerning levy of tax for municipal property owners' improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) Promptly after entry of an order levying the tax, the board shall publish ~~at least one (1) time in some newspaper having general circulation in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., a notice setting forth the order of levy and warning all persons affected by it that the order shall become final unless suit is brought to contest the order within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication of the notice; and

SECTION 198. Arkansas Code § 14-94-122(c), concerning payment of taxes and enforcement related to municipal property owners' improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(c) NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS FOR COLLECTION OF TAXES. Notice of the pendency of the suit shall be given by publication ~~weekly~~ for four (4) weeks before judgment is entered for the sale of the lands ~~in some newspaper published in the county where the suits may be pending~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., which public notice may be in the following terms:

"Board of Commissioners, Municipal Property Owners' Improvement District

vs.

Delinquent Lands

All persons having or claiming an interest in any of the following described lands, are hereby notified that suit is pending in the ~~Chancery Court~~ Circuit Court of \_\_\_ County, Arkansas, to enforce the collection of certain municipal property owners' improvement district taxes on the subjoined list of lands, each supposed owner having been set opposite his or her or its lands, together with the amounts severally due from each, to wit: ,,,,"

(Then shall follow a list of supposed owners, with a descriptive list of said delinquent lands, and amounts due thereon respectively as aforesaid), and said public notice may conclude in the following form:

"All persons and corporations interested in said lands are hereby notified that they are required by law to appear within four (4) weeks and make defense to said suit, or the same will be taken for confessed, and final judgment will be entered directing the sale of said lands for the purpose of collecting said taxes, together with the payment of interest, penalty, and costs allowed by law.

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Clerk of Said Court."

SECTION 199. Arkansas Code § 14-116-205(a)(2), concerning notice of hearing for the establishment of water districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Directing the clerk of the court to give notice of the hearing by publication for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper or newspapers having a general circulation in each of the counties containing lands embraced within the boundaries of the proposed water district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 200. Arkansas Code § 14-116-501(d)(B), concerning proposed improvement plan for assessment-based water district water plans for the improvement water districts, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Upon receipt of comments from such agencies, the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission shall make such comments available to the public and shall solicit comments from the public, giving notice ~~by publication in a newspaper published and having a general circulation in the water district, once a week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for two (2) weeks, of

the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission's intent to hold a hearing, to be held not less than twenty (20) days after first publication of such notice, at which hearing comments from the public will be heard.

SECTION 201. Arkansas Code § 14-116-502(b), concerning court approval of project improvement plan and appointment of assessor for improvement of water districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Upon the filing of the petition by the board of directors of a regional water distribution district, the court clerk shall give notice thereof by certified registered letter to each landowner, at the address contained in the records of the county tax collector, owning property within the proposed improvement project area and by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published and having a general circulation in the water district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning property within the proposed improvement project area, which shall be described in the notice, to appear at a hearing before the court, on some day to be fixed by the court, to show cause in favor of or against the property improvement plan for the proposed improvement project area.

SECTION 202. Arkansas Code § 14-116-603(a)(1), concerning appeal, notice, and hearing of assessment complaints related to improvement plan assessments under the Regional Water Distribution Act, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Upon the filing of assessment, the court clerk shall give notice thereof by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published and having a general circulation in the water district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 203. Arkansas Code § 14-117-204(a), concerning notice and hearing related to irrigation, drainage, and watershed improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The ~~chancery or~~ circuit clerk shall give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. calling upon all persons owning property within the proposed district to appear before the court on some day to be fixed by the court to show cause in favor of or against the establishment of the district. If the court deems it to the best interest of the owners of

real property within the proposed district that the district shall become a district under the terms of this chapter, it shall make an order upon its records establishing the property as a district subject to all the terms and provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 204. Arkansas Code § 14-117-205(c), concerning petitions related to irrigation, drainage, and watershed improvement districts when the land includes land in more than one county, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In the event district lands are in more than one (1) county, all notices shall be published ~~in newspapers published and having a bona fide circulation in each such county in which the district will embrace land~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 205. Arkansas Code § 14-117-208(c), concerning changing district boundaries in irrigation, drainage, and watershed improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The clerk shall give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in the county or counties within the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning property within the district and, in the case of a proposed inclusion of lands, all persons owning property within the area proposed to be included to appear before the court on some day to be fixed by the court to show cause in favor of or against the inclusion or exclusion of lands of petitioners.

SECTION 206. Arkansas Code § 14-117-209(b), concerning assessment of lands outside the irrigation, drainage, and watershed improvement districts and boundary extension, is amended to read as follows:

(b) It shall then be the duty of the court to give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper or newspapers published in the county or counties where the lands lie~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., describing the additional lands which have been assessed. The owners of real property so assessed shall be allowed thirty (30) days after the last publication of the notice to file with the clerk their protest against being included within the district.

SECTION 207. Arkansas Code § 14-117-402(d)(2), concerning contracts between irrigation, drainage, and watershed improvement districts and the United States, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The ~~chancery or~~ circuit clerk shall thereupon give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in the county or counties within the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning property within the district to appear before the court upon some date not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days from the date of the last publication, to be fixed by the court, to show cause in favor of or against the issuance of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness.

SECTION 208. Arkansas Code § 14-117-405(a), concerning notice and hearing on assessment for irrigation, drainage and watershed improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon the filing of the assessment, the clerk shall give notice of that fact by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some weekly newspaper issued in each of the counties in which the lands of the district may lie~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 209. Arkansas Code § 14-117-407 is amended to read as follows:  
14-117-407. Alteration of plans.

The board may at any time alter the plans for improvement, but before constructing the work according to the changed plans, the changed plans shall be filed with the circuit ~~or chancery~~ clerk and notice of the filing shall be given by publication ~~for one (1) insertion in some newspaper issued and having a bona fide circulation in each of the counties in which there are lands within the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 210. Arkansas Code § 14-117-409(b), concerning additional work or improvements, reassessments, and appeals related to irrigation, drainage, and watershed improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The clerk shall give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper or newspapers published and having a general circulation in the county or counties within the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning property within the district to appear before the

court on some date not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days from the last publication, to be fixed by the court, to show cause in favor of or against the proposal.

SECTION 211. Arkansas Code § 14-117-420(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of petition, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Upon the filing of the petition with the county court, notice shall be published by the county clerk for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published in each of the counties in which the district has land~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 212. Arkansas Code § 14-117-424 is amended to read as follows:  
14-117-424. Notice of pendency of suit.

Notice of the pendency of the suit shall be given by publication ~~weekly~~ for four (4) consecutive weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq. before judgment is entered on the sale of the lands in some newspaper published in the county where the suit may be pending, which public notice may be in the following terms:

“Board of Commissioners..... District  
vs.  
Delinquent Lands.

All persons having or claiming an interest in any of the following described lands, are hereby notified that suit is pending in the ~~chancery~~ circuit court of.....County, Arkansas, to enforce the collection of certain taxes on the following list of lands, each supposed owner having been set opposite his or her or its lands, together with the amounts severally due from each to wit:

Then shall follow a list of supposed owners, with a descriptive list of the delinquent lands, and amounts due thereon respectively as aforesaid), and the public notice may conclude in the following form:

All persons and corporations interested in the lands are notified that they are required by law to appear within four (4) weeks and make defense to the suit, or the same will be taken for confessed and final judgment will be entered directing the sale of the lands for the purpose of collecting the taxes, together with the payment of interest, penalty and cost allowed by

law.

.....

Clerk of the Court.”

SECTION 213. Arkansas Code § 14-117-425(b), concerning trial generally and the sale of land to bidders related to irrigation, drainage and watershed improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In all cases where notice has been properly given as provided in § 14-117-424 and no answer has been filed or, if filed, the cause has been decided for the plaintiff, the court, by its decree, shall grant the relief prayed for in the complaint and shall direct the commissioner to sell the lands described in the complaint at the courthouse door of the county wherein the decree is entered, at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, after having first advertised the sale weekly for two (2) ~~weeks, consecutively,~~ consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county, if there is one, and, if there is no newspaper, then that the advertisement be published in some newspaper in an adjoining county.~~ The advertisement may include all lands described in the decree under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 214. Arkansas Code § 14-118-103(b), concerning petition to establish improvement districts for rivers, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Upon the filing of the petition, it shall be presented to the judge of the circuit court, either in term or vacation, and the court shall make an order directing the clerk of the circuit court in which the petition is filed to give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper or newspapers published and having a general circulation in each of the counties embraced within the proposed boundaries of the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning property therein to appear before the court on some day to be fixed by the court to show cause in favor of or against the establishment of the district.

SECTION 215. Arkansas Code § 14-118-109(b), concerning notice of filing of assessment, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Upon the filing of the assessment, the circuit clerk shall give notice of the fact by publication for two (2) weeks, ~~in some newspaper in~~

~~each of the counties in which the lands of the district may be situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 216. Arkansas Code § 14-118-204(c), concerning petition for Red River Improvement District establishment, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Upon the filing of the petition, it shall be presented to the judge of the circuit court, either in term or vacation, and the court shall make an order directing the clerk of the circuit court in which the petition is filed to give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper or newspapers published and having a general circulation in each of the counties embraced within the proposed boundaries of the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning property therein to appear before the court on some day to be fixed by the court to show cause in favor of or against the establishment of the district.

SECTION 217. Arkansas Code § 14-118-305(b), concerning petition to acquire powers of a drainage district related to improvement districts for rivers, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Upon the filing of the petition, the petition shall be presented to the judge of the circuit court, either in term or vacation, and the court shall make an order directing the clerk of the circuit court in which the petition is filed to give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper or newspapers published and having a general circulation in each of the counties embraced within the boundaries of the improvement district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning property therein to appear before the court on some day to be fixed by the court and to show cause in favor of or against the enlargement of powers of the district.

SECTION 218. Arkansas Code § 14-118-308(b), concerning assessment filing and notice related to improvement districts for rivers, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Upon the filing of the assessment, the circuit clerk shall give notice of the fact by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper in each of the counties in which the lands of the district may be situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The notice shall give a description of the lands assessed for the proposed improvement. The owners of the lands, if they desire, may

appear before the circuit court on a day therein named and fixed by the clerk and present complaints, if they have any, against the assessment of any lands in the district.

SECTION 219. Arkansas Code § 14-120-112(b)(2), concerning drainage and levee improvement districts created or organized under special or general law, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Thereupon the county court shall give notice of the application by two (2) weeks' publication ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. and of a time when the petition will be heard.

SECTION 220. Arkansas Code § 14-120-206(c), concerning notice of filing of outline and estimate for drainage and levee improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Notice of the filing of the outline and estimate shall be given in each county of the district by publication of a notice ~~for at least one (1) insertion in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in each of the counties of the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 221. Arkansas Code § 14-120-210(a), concerning notice of election for drainage and levee improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notice of the election shall be given by the secretary of the district, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for the election, by publication of a notice for at least two (2) ~~consecutive weekly insertions in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in each of the counties within the district~~ weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 222. Arkansas Code § 14-120-214(b), concerning canvass of results and judicial review of elections on drainage and levee improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notice of the meeting shall specify its date and purpose and shall be published for two (2) ~~consecutive weekly insertions in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in each county of the district~~ weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 223. Arkansas Code § 14-120-224(b), concerning board assessment and equalization for drainage and levee improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Thereupon, the president of the board of directors of the district shall cause a notice of the time and place of the meeting to be published once a week for two (2) ~~consecutive weeks in a newspaper in each county which, or a part of which, is embraced in the levee district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling on all the land, lot, and other property owners, railroad owners, telegraph, telephone, and electric power line owners, or other property owners who should deem themselves aggrieved by reason of the assessment, to appear, on the day named for the holding of the meeting of the board of assessment and equalization, and present their grievances, to the end that any wrongful or erroneous assessment may be corrected.

SECTION 224. Arkansas Code § 14-120-230(b), concerning notice of delinquent lands, and other real property, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Thereupon, the clerk of the court shall cause to be published a notice containing the list of lands, town lots, blocks, railroads and tramroads, telegraph and telephone lines, electric power lines, and other real property, with the names of the supposed owners and amounts due, ~~in a weekly newspaper published in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for four (4) ~~weekly insertions~~ weeks prior to any day of the next term of the chancery court. The notice shall call upon the supposed owners named in the complaint, and all other persons claiming any interest whatever in the lands, town lots, blocks, railroads and tramroads, telegraph and telephone lines, electric power lines, and other real property, to appear and show cause why a decree should not be rendered condemning the lands, town lots, blocks, railroads and tramroads, telegraph and telephone lines, electric power lines, and other real property for sale for the delinquent taxes, interest, penalty, and costs.

SECTION 225. Arkansas Code § 14-120-241(a)(2), concerning notice of penalties for prohibited sale of bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The bonds shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at the office of the levee district, drainage district, or levee and

drainage district after notice of the sale has been published ~~for three (3) consecutive insertions in two (2) or more newspapers having general circulation in the area affected~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 226. Arkansas Code § 14-120-311(b), concerning notice of consolidation hearing, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notice of the hearing shall be given by the secretary of the district by publication of a notice for at least two (2) ~~consecutive weekly insertions in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in each county within the district~~ weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq. This notice shall state:

- (1) The time and place at which the board of directors shall meet for the purpose of hearing objections;
- (2) That the meeting shall be open to the public; and
- (3) That at such meeting any landowner or bondholder of the district may offer objection to the action of the board in adopting the resolution.

SECTION 227. Arkansas Code § 14-120-316(b), concerning notice of meeting of the board of assessment and equalization for assessment of bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The president of the board of directors of the district shall cause a notice of the time and place of the meeting to be published once a week for two (2) ~~consecutive weeks in a newspaper in each county which, or a part of which, is embraced in the levee district~~ weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling on all owners of the lands, town lots, suburban lots, rural lots, industrial tracts, blocks, railroads, tramroads, telegraph, telephone, and electric power lines and underground cables, pipelines, and all other real property and interests in real property who deem themselves aggrieved by reason of the assessment to appear on the day named for the holding of the meeting of the board of assessment and equalization and present their grievances to the end that any wrongful or erroneous assessment may be corrected.

SECTION 228. Arkansas Code § 14-120-322(b), concerning the board of directors filing a list of property as shown by delinquent list, is amended

to read as follows:

(b) Thereupon, the clerk of the court shall cause to be published a notice containing the list of lands, town lots, suburban lots, rural lots, industrial tracts, blocks, railroads, tramroads, telegraph, telephone, and electric power lines and underground cables, pipelines, and all other real property and interests in real property with the names of the supposed owners, as shown by the delinquent lists, and amounts due ~~in a newspaper published in the county,~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., for two (2) ~~weekly insertions prior to~~ weeks before any day of the next term of the ~~chancery circuit~~ court.

SECTION 229. Arkansas Code § 14-120-608(2), concerning notice of filling vacancies and new positions in the office of commissioners, is amended to read as follows:

(2) In the event of expiration of term of office, removal, or vacancy from any other cause, and in the absence of a petition as specified in the preceding subdivision, the court, on petition of any number of landowners or by the remaining commissioners, shall enter an order making the appointments. It shall cause notice to be published ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in each of the counties involved in the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., of the entry of its order appointing named commissioners for specified terms. Such notice shall specify a time and place for hearing, which shall be not less than ten (10) days after first publication of notice, at which time objections to such appointments will be heard. At the hearing the court may confirm the appointments or appoint any other qualified person.

SECTION 230. Arkansas Code § 14-121-202(a), concerning notice of hearing about the establishment of a new district, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The county clerk shall thereupon give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning property within the district to appear before the court on some day to be fixed by the court, to show cause in favor of or against the establishment of the district.

SECTION 231. Arkansas Code § 14-121-203(d), concerning notice of land assessment in districts that have land in more than one county, is amended to read as follows:

(d) All notices in that event shall be published ~~in newspapers published and having bona fide circulation in each county in which the district embraces lands~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 232. Arkansas Code § 14-121-207(1), concerning notice of application to establish new drainage districts, is amended to read as follows:

(1) If three (3) owners of real property within the district shall petition the county court to constitute them a drainage district under the terms hereof, the county court shall give notice of the application by two (2) weeks' publication ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and of a time when the petition will be heard.

SECTION 233. Arkansas Code § 14-121-403(b), concerning notice of assessment of land outside of the district, is amended to read as follows:

(b) It shall then be the duty of the county court to give notice ~~in a newspaper published in the county where the lands lie~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., describing the additional lands which have been assessed.

Section 234. Arkansas Code § 14-121-404(b), concerning notice of filing of assessment and for receiving complaints, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Upon the filing of the assessment, the county clerk shall give notice of the fact by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper issued in each of the counties in which the lands of the district may lie~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 235. Arkansas Code § 14-121-408(a), concerning notice of filing alterations of plans of ditches and drains, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioners may at any time alter the plans of the ditches

and drains, but before constructing the work according to the changed plans, the changed plans with accompanying specifications showing the dimensions of the work as changed shall be filed with the county clerk. Notice of the filing shall be given by publication ~~for one (1) insertion in some newspaper issued and having a bona fide circulation in each of the counties in which there are lands belonging to the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 236. Arkansas Code § 14-121-412(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of additional levies and the process of appeal, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Upon the filing of the petition, notice shall be published by the clerk for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published in each of the counties in which the district embraces land~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 237. Arkansas Code § 14-121-427(a)(1), concerning notice of proceedings for collection of delinquent taxes, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Notice of the pendency of a suit shall be given by publication weekly for two (2) weeks before judgment is entered for the sale of lands, railroads, or tramroads ~~in some newspaper published in the county where the suits may be pending~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 238. Arkansas Code § 14-121-430(a)(1)(B)(i), concerning notice of sale of delinquent land, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) The court shall direct the commissioner of the court to sell the lands, railroads, and tramroads described in the complaint at the courthouse door of the county in which the decree is entered, at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand after having first advertised the sale for one (1) week ~~in some newspaper published in the county, if there is one~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

(ii) ~~If there is no newspaper, then that advertisement shall be published in some newspaper in an adjoining county.~~

~~(iii)~~ The advertisement may include all the lands described in the decree.

SECTION 239. Arkansas Code § 14-121-502(b)(1), concerning notice of any new subdistricts and publication calling upon persons owning property to

appear before the court, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The county clerk shall thereupon give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county or counties in which the subdistrict will be located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning property in the subdistrict to appear before the court on some day fixed by the court to show cause in favor of or against the establishment of the subdistrict.

SECTION 240. Arkansas Code § 14-121-703(b), concerning publication of notice of intent to annex lands, blocks, or lots, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Thereupon, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court to publish once a week for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper issued and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., a notice in substantially the following form:

“.....DRAINAGE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the commissioners of .... Drainage District have filed in the ~~Chancery~~ Circuit Court of ..... County their petitions setting forth that the following lands, lots, and blocks (here will follow a description of the lands, lots, and blocks sought to be annexed) have been benefited by connections made with the drainage ditches or conduits of said district and praying that such lands, lots, and blocks be annexed to said district; and all persons interested are warned to appear in said court on the ... day of ..., ~~19~~ 20... and show cause for or against the proposed annexation.

..... Chancery Clerk"

SECTION 241. Arkansas Code § 14-121-1003(a), concerning notice of a hearing concerning changes to a district, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon the filing of the petition the court shall direct the clerk of the court to give notice by publication ~~in some newspaper in the county in which the property in the district lies~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., for not less than two (2) ~~consecutive weekly publications~~ weeks, which notice shall set out the purpose of the petition and the day set for the hearing thereon. The court shall fix a day for the hearing of the petition and shall hear the evidence thereon, and if it is of the opinion that it is for the best

interests of the property owners of the district that the petition be granted, it shall abolish or dissolve the district, but if it is of the opinion that it is for the best interest of the property owners that the organization of the district be continued, then it shall overrule the petition.

SECTION 242. Arkansas Code § 14-121-1009(b)(1), concerning notice of abolishing a district when construction of improvement is abandoned and all indebtedness is paid, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall direct the clerk to give notice by publication ~~in some newspaper in the county or counties in which the property in the district lies~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for not less than two (2) ~~consecutive weekly publications~~ weeks.

SECTION 243. Arkansas Code § 14-121-1010(b)(1), concerning notice of abolishing districts when improvements are abandoned and no maintenance assurances are given, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall direct the clerk to give notice by publication ~~in some newspaper in the county or counties in which the property in the district lies~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., for not less than two (2) ~~consecutive weekly publications~~ weeks.

SECTION 244. Arkansas Code § 14-121-1105(b), concerning notice of hearing concerning a merger of districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notice of the hearing shall be given by the secretary of the district by publication of a notice for at least two (2) ~~consecutive weekly insertions in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in each county within the district~~ weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq. This notice shall state:

- (1) The time and place at which the board of directors shall meet for the purpose of hearing support for or objections to the merger;
- (2) That the meeting shall be open to the public; and
- (3) That at such meeting any landowner or bondholder of the district may offer support for or objection to the action of the board in adopting the resolution.

SECTION 245. Arkansas Code § 14-122-103 is amended to read as follows:  
14-122-103. Publication of notice of adoption of ordinance.

When the governing body of any city enacts an ordinance pursuant to the authority granted herein, creating a drainage improvement district encompassing all or any part of the territory within the limits of the city, the governing body shall cause a notice of the adoption of the ordinance and a complete copy of the ordinance enacted to be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. within seven (7) days after the enactment thereof.

SECTION 246. Arkansas Code § 14-122-206(b), concerning notice of sale of bonds for improvements of improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notice of the sale shall be published ~~once~~ one (1) time a week for at least two (2) ~~consecutive weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., with the first publication to be at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of sale, and may be published in such other publications as the district may determine.

SECTION 247. Arkansas Code § 14-123-309 is amended to read as follows:  
14-123-309. Records and reports.

The board of directors shall keep a record of their proceedings as well as a record of all the meetings of the district and shall, at the annual meeting on the first Monday of May in each year, report to the electors of the district an itemized statement, under oath, of the receipts and expenditures of the year preceding, which report they shall also cause to be published ~~in some newspaper printed and published in the county, if any exists~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 248. Arkansas Code § 14-123-412(a), concerning notice of pending suit in levee districts with five counties or less, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In all suits brought by any levee district formed under the general statutes or under any special act of this state to enforce the collection of assessments, the levee district shall give notice of the

pendency thereof as against all landowners, whether known or unknown, when the suits may be pending. Notice shall be given by publication ~~weekly~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for four (4) weeks prior to the date of the term of court on which final judgment may be entered for the sale of land in the levee district on which the assessments are delinquent ~~in some newspaper published in the county where the suit is pending,~~ which public notice may be in the following form:

“NOTICE

Levee District

vs.

Delinquent Lands

The following named persons and corporations and all others having or claiming an interest in the following described lands are hereby notified that suit is pending in the ~~Chancery~~ Circuit Court of ... County, Arkansas, to enforce the collection of certain levee assessments on the subjoined list of lands, each supposed owner’s lands being set opposite his or her or its name, respectively, together with the amount severally due from each, to wit:

(Then shall follow a list of supposed owners, with descriptive list of said lands and amounts due thereon, respectively, as aforesaid).

Said public notice may be concluded in the following form:

Said persons and corporations and all others interested in said lands are hereby notified that they are required by law to appear and make defense to said suit, or the same will be taken for confessed, and final judgment will be entered directing the sale of said lands for the purpose of collecting said levee assessments, together with the payment of interest, penalty, and costs allowed by law.

.....

Clerk of said Court.”

SECTION 249. Arkansas Code § 14-123-413(a), concerning notice of pending suit against nonresidents of the county and unknown owners generally, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notice of the pendency of the suit shall be given as against nonresidents of the county and unknown owners, respectively, when the suits may be pending, by publication weekly for four (4) weeks prior to the day of the term of court on which final judgment may be entered for the sale of the

land ~~in some newspaper published in the county, where the suit may be pending~~  
under § 25-1-501 et seq., which public notice may be in the following form:

“NOTICE

Levee District

vs.

Delinquent Lands

The following named persons and corporations and all others having or claiming an interest in the following described lands, are hereby notified that suit is pending in the ~~Chancery~~ Circuit Court of .... County, Arkansas, to enforce the collection of certain levee assessments on the subjoined list of lands, each supposed owner’s lands being set opposite his or her or its name, respectively, together with the amount severally due from each, to wit: (Then shall follow a list of supposed owners, with descriptive list of said lands and amounts due thereon, respectively, as aforesaid). Said public notice may be concluded in the following form:

Said persons and corporations and all others interested in said lands are hereby notified that they are required by law to appear and make defense to said suit, or the same will be taken for confessed, and final judgment will be entered directing the sale of said lands for the purpose of collecting said levee assessments, together with the payment of interest, penalty, and costs allowed by law.

.....

Clerk of said Court.”

SECTION 250. Arkansas Code § 14-123-415(a)(2), concerning notice of a decree about the sale of land, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Direct the commissioner to sell the land described in the decree at the courthouse door of the county wherein the decree is entered, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, after having first advertised the sale weekly for two (2) weeks, ~~consecutively, in some newspaper published in the county, if there is one. If no newspaper is published in the county, then the advertisement shall be published in some newspaper of an adjoining county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The advertisement may include all the lands described in the decree.

SECTION 251. Arkansas Code § 14-124-101 is amended to read as follows:

14-124-101. Resolution required.

This subchapter shall not be in force as to any district until a proper resolution to that effect is adopted by the board of directors of the district, and a copy of the resolution is published ~~in a newspaper in each county which, or a part of which, is embraced in the levee district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 252. Arkansas Code § 14-124-105 is amended to read as follows:

14-124-105. Notice of meeting.

Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be published ~~once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper in each county which, or a part of which, is embraced in the levee district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.:

(1) Notifying all property owners that at the meeting the board of assessment and equalization would sit to correct all wrongful or erroneous assessments and to equalize the assessments throughout the district; and

(2) Calling on all persons who are or may be aggrieved by the assessment of their property, or of the various classes of property, to appear and present their grievances and otherwise protect their interest.

SECTION 253. Arkansas Code § 14-125-106(10), concerning the definitions pertaining to conservation districts, is amended to read as follows:

(10) "Due notice" means notice published ~~at least twice, with an interval of at least seven (7) days between the two (2) publication dates, in a newspaper or other publication of general circulation within the appropriate area, or posted at a reasonable number of conspicuous places within the appropriate areas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This posting shall include, where possible, posting at public places where it may be customary to post notices concerning county or municipal affairs generally. At any hearing held pursuant to the notice, at the time and place designated in the notice, adjournment may be made from time to time without the necessity of renewing the notice for the adjourned dates;

SECTION 254. Arkansas Code § 14-125-602(c)(1), concerning notice of filing of an improvement plan for an improvement project area report, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) The ~~chancery~~ circuit clerk shall, upon the filing of the report, give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning property within the proposed project area, which shall be described in the notice, to appear at a hearing before the court on some day to be fixed by the court, to show cause in favor of or against the proposed improvement plan for the project area.

SECTION 255. Arkansas Code § 14-125-606(a)(3), concerning improvement plans for conservation districts in water and soil improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(3 All notices in connection with the improvement plan shall be published ~~in newspapers published and having a general circulation in each district in which any lands of the project area are located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 256. Arkansas Code § 14-125-607(a), concerning notice of alteration of plans in a conservation district, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board of directors may at any time alter the plan for works of improvement, but, before constructing the work according to the changed plan, the changed plan shall be filed with the clerk of the chancery court, and notice of the filing shall be given by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in each of the counties containing lands within the project area~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 257. Arkansas Code § 14-125-703(a), concerning notice of hearing of complaints in a conservation district, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon the filing of assessment, the clerk shall give notice thereof by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in the county or counties in which the lands in the project area are located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 258. Arkansas Code § 14-125-802(a), concerning issuance of bonds in conservation districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The clerk of the court shall upon receipt of the petition give due notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a general circulation within the county in which the project area is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning land within the area to appear before the court upon a date to be fixed by the court, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication, to show cause in favor of or against the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness.

SECTION 259. Arkansas Code § 14-138-115(a), concerning notice of bond resolution for municipal facilities, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon the adoption by the board of any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds, the corporation may, in its discretion, cause to be published ~~one (1) time a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the municipality, or if there is no newspaper published in the municipality, then in a newspaper published in the county in which the municipality is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., a notice in substantially the following form with the blanks being properly filled in: “. . . . . , a public corporation and a political subdivision of the State of Arkansas, on the . . . . . day of . . . . . , authorized the issuance of \$ . . . . . principal amount of revenue bonds of the said corporation for the constructing and equipping of a project generally described as: . . . . . Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of the said bonds, or the pledge and the indenture to secure the same, or the proceedings authorizing the same, must be commenced within twenty (20) days after the first publication of this notice.”

SECTION 260. Arkansas Code § 14-139-106(a), concerning notice and hearing regarding revenue bonds for municipal exhibition grounds and buildings, is amended to read as follows:

(a) After the ordinance ~~shall have been~~ is adopted, it shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper published in the municipality; or if there is no newspaper so published, then the ordinance shall be posted in at least three (3) public places therein~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., with a notice to all persons concerned stating that:

- (1) The ordinance has been adopted;
- (2) The municipality contemplates the issuance of the bonds described in this ordinance; and
- (3) Any person interested may appear before the governing body, upon a certain date which shall not be less than ten (10) days subsequent to the publication or posting of the ordinance and notice, and present protests.

SECTION 261. Arkansas Code § 14-140-209(3)(A), concerning public marketplaces in cities and towns, is amended to read as follows:

(A) After the ordinance ~~shall have been~~ is adopted, it shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper published in the city or town under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~ with a notice to all persons concerned, stating that:

- (i) The ordinance has been adopted;
- (ii) The city or town contemplates the issuance of the bonds described in the ordinance; and
- (iii) Any person interested may appear before the governing body upon a certain date, which shall not be less than ten (10) days subsequent to the publication of the ordinance and notice, and present protest.

SECTION 262. Arkansas Code § 14-142-208(b)(3), concerning notice of election for the issuance of bonds for a local government library, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Notice of the election shall be given by the clerk of the issuer ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having general circulation within the municipality or county under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~ not less than ten (10) days prior to the election. No other publication or posting of a notice by any other public official shall be required.

SECTION 263. Arkansas Code § 14-163-212 is amended to read as follows:  
14-163-212. Bonds – Sale.

Bonds issued under this subchapter shall be sold at public sale after twenty-days' advertisement ~~in a newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the city under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~ They may be sold for such price, including, without limitation, sale at a discount, as the governing body of

the city shall determine.

SECTION 264. Arkansas Code § 14-164-309(d), concerning industrial development bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Notice of the election shall be given by the clerk of the issuer ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having general circulation within the municipality or county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. not less than ten (10) days ~~prior to~~ before the election. No other publication or posting of a notice by any other public official shall be required.

SECTION 265. Arkansas Code § 14-164-315(b)(1), concerning notice of sale of industrial development bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Bonds which are industrial development bonds shall be sold only at public sale after notice of the sale shall have been given not less than twenty (20) days ~~prior to~~ before the sale ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having bona fide circulation in the municipality or county issuing such bonds~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 266. Arkansas Code § 14-164-328(b)(2), concerning publication of results of an election with reference to capital improvement bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The proclamation shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality or county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 267. Arkansas Code § 14-168-305(b)(2)(A), concerning notice of hearing regarding a proposed redevelopment district, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Notice of the hearing shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least fifteen (15) days ~~prior to~~ before the hearing.

SECTION 268. Arkansas Code § 14-168-306(e)(2)(A), concerning project plans for redevelopment districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Notice of the hearing shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for at

least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing.

SECTION 269. Arkansas Code § 14-168-307(b)(2)(A), concerning amended plans for redevelopment districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Notice of the hearing shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., for at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing.

SECTION 270. Arkansas Code § 14-169-104(b)(2)(A), concerning the exercise of power by a housing authority, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The clerk of the city or other municipality shall give notice of the time, place, and purpose of the public hearing at least ten (10) days ~~prior to~~ before the date on which the hearing is to be held, ~~in a newspaper published in the municipality. If there is no newspaper published in the municipality, then notice shall be published in a newspaper published in the state and having a general circulation in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 271. Arkansas Code § 14-169-319(a)(2), concerning procedures for regional housing authorities, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The clerk of the county shall give notice of the time, place, and purpose of the public hearing for at least ten (10) days ~~prior to~~ before the day on which the hearing is to be held, ~~in a newspaper published in the county, or if there is no newspaper published in the county, then in a newspaper published in the state and having a general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 272. Arkansas Code § 14-169-1107(b)(2)(B)(ii), concerning foreclosure in a targeted neighborhood enhancement plan, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) If the name and whereabouts of the owner cannot be determined, or if restricted delivery of certified mail is not accomplished, then the hearing to determine the amount shall be held not fewer than fourteen (14) days after publication of notice of the hearing ~~in a newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the county where the property is located for one (1) insertion per week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for four (4)

consecutive weeks; and

SECTION 273. Arkansas Code § 14-172-207(2)(A), concerning the establishment of historic districts in cities and towns, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The commission shall hold a public hearing on the establishment of a proposed historic district after giving notice of the hearing by publication ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality or county once a week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first such publication to be at least twenty (20) days ~~prior to~~ before the public hearing.

SECTION 274. Arkansas Code § 14-186-215(a), concerning publication of periodic financial statements by municipal port authorities, is amended to read as follows:

(a) At least ~~once in~~ one (1) time each year, a municipal port authority shall publish a report. It shall be published ~~one (1) time in some newspaper published in the city or incorporated town where the authority is located. If no paper exists in the city or town creating such authority, the report may be published in any newspaper published in the county where the authority is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. It shall show a complete financial statement of all moneys received and disbursed by the authority during the preceding year.

SECTION 275. Arkansas Code § 14-186-410(a), concerning the joint operation of ports by municipalities and counties, is amended to read as follows:

(a) After the passage of any ordinance ~~pursuant to~~ under § 14-186-409, it shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper published in the municipality. If there is no newspaper so published, then the ordinance shall be published in a newspaper which has a bona fide general circulation within the municipality,~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., with a notice to all persons concerned stating that:

- (1) The ordinance has been passed;
- (2) The municipality contemplated the issuance of the bonds described in the ordinance; and

(3) Any person interested may appear before the legislative body, upon a certain date, which shall be not less than ten (10) days subsequent to the publication of the ordinance and notice, and present protests.

SECTION 276. Arkansas Code § 14-187-106(c), concerning procedure for sale of improvements by municipal wharf improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Upon the filing of the petition or petitions, the council shall give notice by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county in which the district is situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This publication shall advise the owners of real property within the district that on a day therein named the council of the city will hear the petition and determine whether those signing it constitute a majority in value of the owners of real property.

SECTION 277. Arkansas Code § 14-188-104(b)(1)(B)(ii), concerning the creation of rural development authorities, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) Prior to any hearing held to determine if there is need for an authority to function in the county, the clerk shall cause notice of the hearing to be published for at least two (2) successive weeks ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., setting forth the time and place of the hearing.

SECTION 278. Arkansas Code § 14-199-302(b)(2), concerning the sale of public utilities, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Upon the filing of this petition, the council of the city or town shall give notice by publication ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published in the county in which the city or town may lie~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., advising the owners of real property within the city or town that on a day therein named the council of the city or town will hear the petition and determine whether those signing it constitute a majority in value of the owners of real property.

SECTION 279. Arkansas Code § 14-199-404 is amended to read as follows:  
14-199-404. Report and audit of operation.

The city council of any city adopting the ordinance provided for in this subchapter shall require the consolidated governing body designated as the light and water commission to make a complete and competent audit by an auditor approved by the city council each biennium, from and after the effective date of the ordinance. The city council shall require the light and water commission to file with the city council a complete report and audit of the operation of both the light plant and water plant. This audit shall be ~~publicized in a legal newspaper having a general circulation in the county wherein the city is located~~ published under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 280. Arkansas Code § 14-201-304 is amended to read as follows:  
14-201-304. Notice of election.

Within five (5) days after the filing of the petition, the county board of election commissioners shall call an election to be held in the city or town at a time not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days from the date of the filing of the petition. The board shall give due notice thereof by publication ~~in some newspaper published in the city or town,~~ weekly under § 25-1-501 et seq., for two (2) weeks, stating in the notice the time and place where the election will be held and the purpose thereof; and the election may be held at any place in the city or town designated by the board whether the place be within or without the boundaries of the improvement district or districts. ~~If no newspaper is published in the city or town, notice of the election shall be given by printed notices posted at ten (10) public places therein for more than twenty (20) days prior to the election.~~

SECTION 281. Arkansas Code § 14-203-115(b), concerning rates, fees, and charges for a municipal electrical system, is amended to read as follows:

(b) For so long as any contract for the purchase of electric power and energy is in effect, the rates, fees, and charges for electric power and energy charged and collected by a municipality may be fixed to provide sufficient revenues to secure payments of amounts due under the contract and to comply with the terms of the contract. Any contract shall be approved by ordinance of the governing body of the purchasing municipality, and the ordinance shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. Any contest of the

ordinance shall be barred at the end of thirty (30) days after the ordinance is published.

SECTION 282. Arkansas Code § 14-205-104 is amended to read as follows:  
14-205-104. Publication of ordinance and notice.

When the ordinance is adopted by the municipality's legislative body, it shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper published in the municipality, or, if there is no newspaper so published, then in a newspaper which has a bona fide general circulation within the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., with a notice to all persons concerned stating that the ordinance has been adopted, that the municipality contemplated the issuance of the bonds described in the ordinance, and that any person interested may appear before the legislative body, upon a certain date which shall not be less than ten (10) days subsequent to the publication of the ordinance and notice, and present protests.

SECTION 283. Arkansas Code § 14-206-103(a), concerning natural gas distribution systems, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Any municipality may determine to seek approval from the commission to acquire the property of a gas or electric public utility as authorized under the provisions of this chapter by the vote of the municipal council, city commission, or governing body taken after a public hearing, of which at least thirty (30) days' notice has been given by publication ~~in newspapers having a general circulation within the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This vote shall have been ratified and confirmed by a majority of the electors voting thereon at any special election held in accordance with § 7-11-201 et seq.

SECTION 284. Arkansas Code § 14-206-105(b)(1), concerning natural gas distribution system, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Each application shall also be accompanied by proof that public notice thereof was given to persons residing in the municipality by the publication of a summary of the application, and a statement of the date on which it is to be filed, and a statement that interventions or limited appearances must be filed with the commission within thirty (30) days after the filing date set forth in the notice, unless good cause is shown, ~~in a~~



~~published in the city or town, for one (1) insertion~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 287. Arkansas Code § 14-218-105(a), concerning the publication of ordinance establishing a consolidated water and light improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Before passing the ordinance, the city council shall cause the city clerk to give notice by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published in the county in which the city may lie~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., advising the property owners within the proposed district that on a day therein named, the council will hear the petition and determine whether those signing the petition are actually owners of real property in such city.

SECTION 288. Arkansas Code § 14-218-106(a), concerning notice of petition to take over a light and water plant, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If, within ninety (90) days after the publication of the ordinance creating and establishing the district, persons claiming to be a majority in value of the owners of real property within the district shall present to the city council a petition that the plants and systems be acquired and consolidated, that the improvements be made, that thereafter the plants and systems be maintained, and that the cost thereof be assessed and charged upon the real property situated within the district, the city clerk shall give notice by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published in the county in which the city lies~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This publication shall advise the property owners within the district that on a day therein named the council will hear the petition and determine whether those signing the petition constitute a majority in value of the owners of real property.

SECTION 289. Arkansas Code § 14-218-111 is amended to read as follows:  
14-218-111. Notice of filing of assessments.

Immediately on filing of the assessment, the city clerk shall ~~insert~~ publish the following notice ~~in a newspaper published in the county in which the city lies~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

“The assessment of consolidated water and light district of .... was filed in my office on the ... day of ..., ~~19~~ 20..., and the assessment is now

subject to inspection.

.....  
Clerk of the City of ..... ”

SECTION 290. Arkansas Code § 14-218-115(a), concerning the statute of limitations for challenging assessments in a consolidated water and light improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Within thirty (30) days after the passage of the ordinance mentioned in § 14-218-114, the city clerk shall publish a copy of ~~it in a newspaper published in the town or city~~ the assessment ordinance under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 291. Arkansas Code § 14-218-117 is amended to read as follows:  
14-218-117. Collector’s notice – Publication.

The collector shall immediately, upon the receipt of the tax list, cause to be published ~~in a newspaper published in the city a notice~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., which may be in the following form:

“The tax books for the collection of the special assessment upon the real property in Consolidated Water & Light District of ... has been placed in my hands. All owners of real property lying in the district are required to pay their assessment to me within thirty (30) days from this date. If such payment is not made, action will be commenced at the end of that time for the collection of said assessment and for legal penalties and costs.

Given under my hand this ... day of ..., ~~19~~ 20....

.....Collector.”

SECTION 292. Arkansas code § 14-218-123(b), concerning the annual revision assessments in water and light improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The clerk shall ~~insert in a newspaper published in the county in which the city is located~~ publish under § 25-1-501 et seq. the following notice:

“The list showing the annual readjustment of the assessment of the Consolidated Water & Light District ..., was filed in my office on the ... day of ..., ~~19~~ 20...

..... Clerk.”

SECTION 293. Arkansas Code § 14-218-131(b), concerning the issuance of bonds in a consolidated water and light improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In order to carry out any of the above purposes, the board may sell bonds which may be secured by a mortgage of uncollected assessments or a part of same and by a mortgage on the consolidated plant and system. The sale of all bonds shall be at public auction after notice of such sale has been published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county in which the district is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 294. Arkansas Code § 14-219-102(b)(2), concerning notice of sale of utility plants in public utility improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Upon the filing of this petition, the board of commissioners shall give notice, ~~by publication one (1) time a week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published in the county in which the improvement district may lie,~~ advising the owners of real property within the improvement district that on a day therein named the board of commissioners of the improvement district will hear the petition and determine whether those signing the petition constitute a majority in value of such owners of real property.

SECTION 295. Arkansas Code § 14-233-109(b)(1)(A), concerning notice of the proposed issuance of bonds in joint county and municipal solid waste disposal, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) Prior to a sanitation authority's proposed issuance of bonds, the sanitation authority shall publish ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in each county that is a member of the sanitation authority and in each county in which a member of the sanitation authority is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.:

- (i) Notice of the proposed issuance of bonds;
- (ii) The maximum principal amount of bonds contemplated to be sold;
- (iii) A general description of the project

contemplated to be financed or refinanced with bond proceeds; and

(iv) The date, time, and location of a public hearing at which members of the public may obtain further information regarding the bonds and the development of the project.

SECTION 296. Arkansas Code § 14-234-406(b), concerning notice of intention to lease waterworks and water supply premises for recreational purposes, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Public notice of intention to lease the premises shall be published ~~at least one (1) time and~~ for at least two (2) weeks before the bid date, ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the municipality is situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 297. Arkansas Code § 14-234-506(a), concerning publication of ordinance, is amended to read as follows:

(a) After the passage of the ordinance, it shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper published in the municipality, or if there is no newspaper so published, then in a newspaper which has a bona fide general circulation within the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., with a notice to all persons concerned stating that the ordinance has been passed and that the municipality contemplates the issuance of the bonds described in the ordinance and that any person interested may appear before the legislative body, upon a certain date which shall be not less than ten (10) days subsequent to the publication of the ordinance and notice, and present protests.

SECTION 298. Arkansas Code § 14-235-223(d)(1)(B), concerning notice to issue revenue bonds for waterworks and water supply, is amended to read as follows:

(B) After introduction of the ordinance fixing the rates or charges, and before the ordinance is finally enacted, notice of the hearing, setting forth the proposed schedule of the rates or charges, shall be given ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper published in the municipality if there is such a newspaper, but otherwise in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., at least ten (10) days before the date fixed in the notice for the hearing, which may be

adjourned from time to time.

SECTION 299. Arkansas Code § 14-237-113 is amended to read as follows:  
14-237-113. Annual publication of financial statements.

(a)~~(1)~~ The governing body of each municipal water or sewer department shall cause to be published annually a financial statement of the department, including receipts and expenditures for the period and a statement of the indebtedness and financial condition of the department.

(b) The financial statement shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper published in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

~~(2)~~(c) The financial statement shall be at least as detailed as the minimum record of accounts as provided in this chapter.

~~(3)~~(d) The financial statement shall be published by April 1 of the following year.

~~(b) In municipalities where no newspaper is published, the financial statement shall be posted in two (2) public places in the municipality.~~

SECTION 300. Arkansas Code § 14-250-107(b), concerning notice of petition to establish a wastewater treatment district, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Within thirty (30) days after the report of the department has been filed in the office of the circuit clerk, the petition shall be presented to the judge of the circuit court of the county, either in term or vacation, and the court shall thereupon enter its order setting a hearing upon the petition and directing the clerk of the court to give notice of the hearing by publication for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper or newspapers having a general circulation in each of the entities comprising the proposed district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The notice shall contain:

- (1) A brief and concise statement describing the purpose of the hearing;
- (2) A description of the territory to be embraced within the district;
- (3) A brief and concise statement of the action of the department;
- (4) A warning to all persons residing or owning property within the boundaries of the proposed district to appear upon the date and at the time and place of the hearing to show cause, if there is any, why the petition should not be granted.

SECTION 301. Arkansas Code § 14-250-110(d), concerning publication of regular board meetings of wastewater treatment districts, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Each meeting of the board, whether regular or special, shall be open to the public, and the board shall at no time go into executive session. All regular board meetings shall be ~~advertised by at least one (1) insertion in a newspaper serving the district. The insertion shall be~~ published under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 302. Arkansas Code § 14-251-107(b), concerning notice of intention to lease property in water improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Public notice of intention to lease the premises shall be published ~~at least one (1) time and~~ at least two (2) weeks before the bid date ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the municipality is situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 303. Arkansas Code § 14-282-103(b), concerning the establishment of an ambulance service improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The notice shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county where the lands affected are situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 304. Arkansas Code § 14-282-108(a), concerning notice of assessment of annual benefits in the formation of plans for an ambulance service improvement district, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The assessment shall be filed with the county clerk of the county, and the secretary of the board shall thereupon give notice of its filing by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This notice may be in the following form:

“Notice is hereby given that the assessment of annual benefits of .... District Number .... has been filed in the office of the County Clerk of ....

County, where it is open for inspection. All persons wishing to be heard on said assessment will be heard by the assessors of said district in the office of the County Clerk between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., at . . . ., on the . . . . day of . . . . ~~19 20~~ . . . .”.

SECTION 305. Arkansas Code § 14-283-107(a), concerning notice of assessment of annual benefits in mosquito abatement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The assessment shall be filed with the county clerk of the county, and the secretary of the board shall thereupon give notice of its filing by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This notice may be in the following form:

“Notice is hereby given that the assessment of annual benefits of . . . District Number . . . . has been filed in the office of the County Clerk of . . . County, where it is open for inspection. All persons wishing to be heard on said assessment will be heard by the assessors of said district in the office of the county clerk between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., at . . . ., on the . . . day of . . . ., ~~19 20~~ . . . .”.

SECTION 306. Arkansas Code § 14-283-112(d)(1), concerning notice of sale of bonds in mosquito abatement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for at least two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., with the first publication to be at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of sale and may be published in such other publications as the district may determine.

SECTION 307. Arkansas Code § 14-284-104(a)(1), concerning publication of notice of petition to create a fire protection district, is amended to read as follows:

(1) The notice shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county where the lands affected are situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 308. Arkansas Code § 14-284-109(a), concerning notice and hearing of assessment for plans for improvement in fire protection districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The assessment shall be filed with the county clerk of the county, and the secretary of the board shall give notice of its filing by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This notice may be in the following form:

“Notice is hereby given that the assessment of annual benefits of .... District Number .... has been filed in the office of the County Clerk of .... County, where it is open for inspection. All persons wishing to be heard on said assessment will be heard by the assessors of said district in the office of the county clerk between the hours of 1 P.M. and 4 P.M. at ..., on the ... day of ..., 20....”

SECTION 309. Arkansas Code § 14-284-111(a)(2), concerning publication of the order of levy in fire protection districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2) However, the commissioners shall, promptly after an entry of an order of levy of annual benefit assessment, publish ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper having general circulation in the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. a notice setting forth the order of levy and warning all persons affected that the order of levy shall become final unless suit is brought to contest it within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication of the notice. No property owner shall be barred from contest of the levy within the thirty-day publication period.

SECTION 310. Arkansas Code § 14-284-120(a), concerning notice of alteration of plans in fire protection districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioners may at any time alter the plans and specifications, which shall be filed with the county court. Notice of the filing shall be given by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper issued and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 311. Arkansas Code § 14-284-124(a)(2)(B)(ii)(a), concerning notice consolidation of fire protection districts, is amended to read as follows:

(ii)(a) Each district shall publish notice of its hearing ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the district once a week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for two (2) consecutive weeks.

SECTION 312. Arkansas Code § 14-284-204(a)(2)(B), concerning the establishment of fire protection districts outside of cities and towns, is amended to read as follows:

(B) When a time and place for the hearing are set, the quorum court shall publish notice of the hearing under § 25-1-501 et seq. ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.~~

SECTION 313. Arkansas Code § 14-284-204(c)(1)(A), concerning notice of adoption of ordinance that establishes a fire protection district outside of cities and towns, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1)(A) When an ordinance is adopted by the quorum court establishing a fire protection district, the quorum court shall publish notice of the adoption of the ordinance ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 314. Arkansas Code § 14-284-212(g)(2)(C), concerning notice of election to increase the flat fee per landowner in a fire protection district outside of cities and towns, is amended to read as follows:

(C) Notice of the election must be published for at least three (3) ~~times by insertion in a newspaper of general circulation within the fire protection district~~ weeks under § 25-1-501 et seq., and by a public notice posted at the fire stations within the fire protection district.

SECTION 315. Arkansas Code § 14-284-213(a), concerning notice of assessments in fire protection districts outside of cities and towns, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The assessment or reassessment shall be filed with the county clerk of the county, and the secretary of the board shall thereupon give notice of its filing by publication ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a~~

~~newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This notice may be in the following form:

“Notice is hereby given that the assessment of annual benefits of ... District Number ... has been filed in the office of the County Clerk of ... County, where it is open for inspection. All persons wishing to be heard on said assessment will be heard by the assessors of said district in the office of the County Clerk between the hours of 1 P.M. and 4 P.M., at ..., on the ... day of ..., ~~19 20...~~”.

SECTION 316. Arkansas Code § 14-284-218(d)(1), concerning notice of sale of bonds at public sales for fire protection districts outside of cities and towns, is amended to read as follows:

(1) If the bonds are sold at public sale on sealed bids, notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for at least two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas, with the first publication to be at least twenty (20) days prior to~~ before the date of sale under § 25-1-501 et seq., and may be published in such other publications as the director may determine.

SECTION 317. Arkansas Code § 14-286-108(a), concerning notice of filing of assessment in fire and abatement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The assessment shall be filed with the county clerk of the county in which the property is located, and the secretary of the board shall thereupon give notice of its filing by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The notice shall be in the following form:

“Notice is hereby given that the assessment of annual benefits of \_\_\_\_\_ District Number \_\_\_\_\_ has been filed in the office of the County Clerk of \_\_\_\_\_ where it is open for inspection. All persons wishing to be heard regarding the assessment will be heard by the assessors of the district in the office of the county clerk between the hours of one (1:00) p.m. and four (4:00) p.m., at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_.”

SECTION 318. Arkansas Code § 14-286-112(d)(1), concerning notice that

the sale of bonds for a fire and abatement district, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for at least two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., with the first publication to be at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of sale and may be published in such other publications as the district may determine.

SECTION 319. Arkansas Code § 14-287-105(b), concerning publication of audit findings in municipal management districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The district shall be audited by a certified public accountant each year with the audit findings being published ~~in a daily newspaper with a circulation which includes the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 320. Arkansas Code § 14-298-102 is amended to read as follows:  
14-298-102. Notice prerequisite to petition for county road.

~~(a) Previous to any petition being presented for a county road or for the alteration or vacation of a county road, notice thereof shall be given by publication in some newspaper, published in the county, if one exists.~~

~~(b) If there is no newspaper published in the county, then notice shall be given by advertisements set up in three (3) public places in each township through or into which any part of the road is designed to be laid out, altered, or vacated, stating the time when the petition is to be presented and the substance thereof. Notice shall be duly authenticated and presented with the petition to the county court under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 321. Arkansas Code § 14-298-108(b)(1), concerning notice to landowners and viewers regarding the alteration, establishment, or vacation of a county road, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)~~(A)~~ It is further made the duty of the principal petitioner, if the road is proposed to be laid out on or through any land owned by nonresidents of the county, to cause notice to the nonresidents of the county to be served as provided by the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure, and if service is not obtained, then the notice shall be published ~~one (1) time per~~

week for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper of general circulation published in the county.~~

~~(B) If there is no newspaper published in the county, then notice shall be given to the nonresident by posting a notice of the time and place of meeting of the viewers as specified in the order of the county court under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 322. Arkansas Code § 14-298-120(d)(2), concerning the opening, changing, and classifying of roads by order of county court, is amended to read as follows:

(2) If service is not obtained ~~then by one (1) insertion for two (2) weeks~~ by publication under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least thirty (30) days before the hearing ~~in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county,~~ the county clerk shall publish a notice as to the filing of the petition, naming the day on which the county court will hear the parties and those for and those against the opening of the road.

SECTION 323. Arkansas Code § 14-298-121(d)(2)(B), concerning the opening or altering of county roads, is amended to read as follows:

(B) If service is not obtained, ~~then by one (1) insertion~~ publication under § 25-1-501 et seq. for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in the county,~~ the county clerk shall publish a notice as to the filing of the petition and naming the day on which the county court will hear the parties and those for and against the opening of the road.

SECTION 324. Arkansas Code § 14-301-110(b), concerning publication of notice of straightening or abandoning streets in cities over 15,000 inhabitants by city clerk, is amended to read as follows:

(b) When any person owning property abutting any part of the property proposed to be abandoned as a street shall present to the city council his petition praying that any property be abandoned as a street, the city council shall by resolution direct the city clerk to give notice by a publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county in which the city may lie. To~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. to advise the property owners affected that on a day named in the notice the council will hear the

petition and determine whether the property should be abandoned as a street and whether all abutting property owners and other persons directly interested have consented to the abandonment. At the meeting named in the notice, all property owners affected shall be heard before the council, which shall determine whether the property should be abandoned and whether all abutting property owners and other persons directly interested have consented to the abandonment. The determination and finding of the council shall be conclusive unless within thirty (30) days thereafter suit is brought to review its action in the ~~chancery~~ circuit court of the county where the city lies. In determining whether all abutting property owners and other persons directly interested have consented to the abandonment, the council and the ~~chancery~~ circuit court shall be guided by the record of deeds in the office of the recorder of the county and shall not consider any unrecorded instrument.

SECTION 325. Arkansas Code § 14-301-203(b), concerning notice of public hearing on a petition to undertake street improvements, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notice of the public hearing shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. not less than five (5) days prior to the date fixed for the hearing.

SECTION 326. Arkansas Code § 14-301-204(a) concerning notice of assessed benefits on property in a municipality to improve streets, is amended to read as follows:

(a) At the time and place stated in the notice, the governing body of the municipality shall meet and hear all owners of real property of the designated areas in the municipality who wish to be heard on the question of whether the petitions contain the signatures of a majority in value of the real property owners of the designated areas in the municipality and shall make a finding and ruling as to whether the petitions contain the signatures of a majority in value of the real property owners and shall publish the finding ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 327. Arkansas Code § 14-301-302(c), concerning notice to

vacate a street or alley, is amended to read as follows:

(c) At the next regular or special meeting of the council, the council shall, by resolution, fix a day for the hearing of the petition and shall direct the city clerk or town recorder to give notice of the meeting by publication ~~once a week~~ for two (2) ~~consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation in the city or town~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 328. Arkansas Code § 14-301-402 is amended to read as follows:  
14-301-402. Petition of property owners to close alley – Notice.

When any person files with the city clerk or recorder of any city of the first or second class or any incorporated town in this state a petition signed by ten (10) or more persons claiming to be owners of real property in the city or town and including a majority of the owners of real property abutting upon any alley running through or across any part of any block in the city, with this petition stating that the land embraced in the alley or any part thereof is needed for the purpose of building on the lands any public school, hospital, orphanage, or church building, or any addition to those buildings, and praying that the alley be vacated as a whole or in part and, if not as a whole, describing specifically the part of the alley desired to be vacated, then it shall be the duty of the city clerk or recorder to give notice of the filing of the petition by publication ~~in some newspaper published in the city or town, by one (1) insertion. If no newspaper is published therein, notice shall be given by publication of the notice, by one (1) insertion, in any newspaper published in the county and shall call upon the owners of real property abutting upon the alley and upon all other persons, firms, and corporations, to appear before the council of the city or town at its next regular meeting to be held after ten (10) days from the date of the notice and show cause, if any they can, why the petition should not be granted and the alley vacated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 329. Arkansas Code § 14-316-303(a), concerning notice of collection of delinquent assessments in road improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) For two (2) consecutive weeks before judgment is entered for the sale of the lands, weekly notice of the pendency of the suit shall be given

by publication ~~in some newspaper in the county having a general circulation therein~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 330. Arkansas Code § 14-316-305(a) and (b), concerning notice of sale of delinquent lands in road improvement districts, are amended to read as follows:

(a) At the first regular or adjourned term of the chancery court after the notice has been published for three (3) consecutive weeks ~~and not earlier than five (5) days after the last insertion of the notice~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., the suit shall stand for trial unless a continuance is granted to a delinquent for some good cause shown, in the discretion of the court. The continuance shall not affect the court's duty to proceed with the delinquents as to whom no continuance was granted.

(b) In all cases where the notice has been published as provided in subsection (a) of this section and no answer has been filed, or where answer is filed and the cause decided for the plaintiff, the chancery court by its decree shall grant the relief prayed for in the complaint, shall tax as part of the cost a reasonable attorney's fee for the plaintiff, and shall direct the commissioner to sell the land described in the complaint at the front door of the county courthouse to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, after having first advertised the sale, such advertisement to include all lands embraced in the decree, for two (2) weeks consecutively ~~in some newspaper published in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 331. Arkansas Code § 14-317-103(b)(1), concerning notice of petition to form rural road improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) If land in more than one (1) county is embraced in the proposed district, the petition shall be addressed to the circuit court for the county in which the largest portion of the lands lie and all proceedings shall be had in that circuit court. In cases where the district contains lands in more than one (1) county, the words "county court" or "county judge" as used in this chapter shall be construed to mean "circuit court" or "circuit judge," and the words "county clerk" to mean "circuit clerk," unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary. All notices in that event shall be published ~~in newspapers published and having a bona fide circulation in each~~

~~county in which the district embraces land~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 332. Arkansas Code § 14-317-104(b), concerning notice of petition to form rural road improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The notice shall be published ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the district where the lands affected are situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 333. Arkansas Code § 14-317-117(b), concerning notice of filing alteration of plans in rural road improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The changed plans, with the accompanying specifications, shall be filed with the county court. Notice of filing shall be given by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper issued and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 334. Arkansas Code § 14-317-120(b), concerning notice of filing assessments in rural road improvement districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The secretary of the board shall thereupon give notice of its filing by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper publishing and having a bona fide circulation in the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 335 Arkansas Code § 14-318-104(b), concerning notice of petition by landowners in improvement districts for acquiring rights-of-way, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The notice shall be published ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county where the lands affected are situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The last publication of notice is to be at least seven (7) days before the day fixed for the hearing.

SECTION 336. Arkansas Code § 14-318-116(a), concerning notice of filing of assessments in improvement districts for acquiring rights-of-way,

is amended to read as follows:

(a) The assessment shall be filed with the county clerk of the county and the secretary of the board shall thereupon give notice of its filing by publication ~~once a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 337. Arkansas Code § 14-320-106(a), concerning notice for the establishment of interstate bridge districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The circuit clerk shall thereupon give notice by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a general circulation in the counties within which the lands of the proposed district are situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., calling upon all persons owning property therein to appear before the court on the day and date fixed by the court to show cause in favor of or against the establishment of the district.

SECTION 338. Arkansas Code § 14-320-108(b), concerning notice of filing of assessment of lands in interstate bridge districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Upon the filing of the assessment of benefits, the circuit clerk shall give notice of filing by publication for two (2) weeks ~~in some newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the counties in which the lands of the district are situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 339. Arkansas Code § 14-322-104(a), concerning notice of public hearing about improvement districts for city streets, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notice of the public hearing shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least five (5) days ~~prior to~~ before the date fixed for the hearing.

SECTION 340. Arkansas Code § 14-322-105(a), concerning the establishment of improvement districts for city streets, is amended to read as follows:

(a) At the time and place stated in the notice, the governing body of the municipality shall meet and hear all owners of real property in the proposed district who wish to be heard on the question of whether the

petitions contain the signatures of a majority in value of the real property owners in the district. It shall make a finding and ruling as to whether the petitions contain the signatures of a majority in value of the real property owners and shall publish the finding ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 341. Arkansas Code § 14-322-106(c), concerning notice of filing assessments in improvement districts for city streets, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Notice that the assessed benefits have been filed with the city clerk and county clerk shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 342. Arkansas Code § 14-334-109(d)(1)(B), concerning notice of sale of public transit revenue bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(B) If sold at public sale, the bonds shall be sold on sealed bids, and notice of the sale shall be published ~~once in a newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas at least ten (10) days prior to the date of sale~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 343. Arkansas Code § 14-386-116(a), concerning publication of order in fencing districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Within seven (7) days from the making of the order mentioned in § 14-386-115, the county clerk shall publish a copy of it ~~in some newspaper published in the county one (1) time if a newspaper is published in the county; and if not, then by posting the copy at the courthouse door, and by posting not less than ten (10) copies of it in the district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 344. Arkansas Code § 14-386-118(a), concerning notice of assessment in fencing districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The collector of a fencing district shall, immediately upon the receipt of the tax list, cause to be published ~~in some newspaper published in the county, if there is one~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., a notice which may be in the following form:

“SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

“The tax book for the collection of the special assessment upon the land in Fencing District No..... has been placed in my hands. All owners of land lying in this district are required to pay their assessment to me within thirty days from this date. If such payment is not made, action will be commenced at the end of that time for collection of said assessments and for legal penalties and costs.”

“Given under my hand this ..... day of....., ~~19~~ 20....  
 ....., Collector.”

SECTION 345. Arkansas Code § 14-386-301(a), concerning notice of addition of adjacent area to fencing district, is amended to read as follows:

(a) When any number of owners of either rural acreage or city or town land near or adjacent to any fencing district organized under and pursuant to the law shall present to the county court a petition, in writing, accompanied by a map giving description and setting forth such land as they desire to have enclosed in any such district embraced within the enclosure of the fence of the district, it shall be the duty of the court to give a notice by publication ~~in some newspaper in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for a period of not less than twenty (20) days of a hearing upon the petition, calling upon all persons whose lands or interest may be affected by the petition to appear and show cause, if any, why the request of the petitioner should not be granted.

SECTION 346. Arkansas Code § 14-386-402 is amended to read as follows:  
 14-386-402. Petition to establish district.

When any number of landowners owning land adjacent to any fencing district organized under and pursuant to the law shall present to the county court a petition, in writing, accompanied by a map, giving a description and setting forth what land they desire to have enclosed in such district, and where the lands as set forth and described in the petition are bounded or completely enclosed by existing fencing districts, no-fence districts, counties where a stock law is in effect, or navigable rivers, or combination of them, it shall be the duty of the court to give notice, by publication ~~in some newspaper published in the county where the lands lie~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., of the filing of the petition and a description of all lands as set forth and contained in the description.

SECTION 347. Arkansas Code § 14-386-405(a), concerning notice of election results regarding fencing districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) After the county election commissioners have ascertained and declared the results of any election held under the provisions of this subchapter, it shall be the duty of the county court to cause the results to be published ~~to be printed in some newspaper published in the county where the lands lie~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 348. Arkansas Code § 14-387-204(b), concerning notice of filing petition for creation of stock law districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b)~~(1)~~ The notice shall be published ~~in some newspaper published in the county, if there is one.~~

~~(2)(A) If no newspaper is published in the county, the notice shall be posted at the courthouse door and at each voting precinct in the county, if the petition is for a county.~~

~~(B) If the petition is for a subdivision, then the notice shall be posted at three (3) of the most public places in the subdivision under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 349. Arkansas Code § 14-387-303(3)(A), concerning notice of result of election in the establishment of stock law districts, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) Immediately give notice of the result by publication ~~in some newspaper published in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and by causing notices to be posted in three (3) public places in each township affected by the election.

SECTION 350. Arkansas Code § 14-387-401(b)(2)(B)(i), concerning notice of order of the authority and procedure in the addition of townships to a stock law district, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) Notice of the order shall be given by publication ~~of it in some newspaper published in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 351. Arkansas Code § 14-387-501(b), concerning the exemption

of townships in stock law districts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The electors shall, before presenting the petition to the court, give fifteen (15) days' notice, by publication ~~in some newspaper published in the county, where the act has been adopted,~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. of the date on which the petition will be filed and presented to the court, setting forth in the notice the reasons why the township and petitioners should be exempted from the act, then the court shall hear the petition and any remonstrance that may be filed against it.

SECTION 352. Arkansas Code § 15-4-708(b), concerning notice of sale of industrial development guaranty bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock and having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., with the first publication to be at least twenty (20) days ~~prior to~~ before the date of sale.

SECTION 353. Arkansas Code § 15-4-1805(b)(1), concerning the development major industry facilities incentives, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The board shall give notice of the time, place, and purpose of the public hearing by publication ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of the applicant,~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and the publication ~~to be not~~ shall not be less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing.

Section 354. Arkansas Code § 15-4-3020(b) and (c), concerning the issuance of bonds for economic development super projects, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The proclamation shall be issued in accordance with § 7-11-201 et seq., and notice of the special election shall be given by publication of the proclamation ~~by one (1) insertion in one (1) newspaper of general circulation published in each county in the state not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date of the election.~~

~~(c) If there is no newspaper regularly published in a county, the proclamation may be published in any newspaper having a general circulation~~

~~in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 355. Arkansas Code § 15-4-3020(f)(5), concerning the issuance of bonds for economic development super projects, is amended to read as follows:

(5) The result of the election shall be proclaimed by the Governor by publication ~~one (1) time in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock,~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless ~~attacked in the courts~~ challenged in a court within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the publication.

SECTION 356. Arkansas Code § 15-22-206(a), concerning notice of meeting about making rules, regulations, and orders by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) No rule, regulation, or order, including a change, renewal, or extension thereof, shall be made by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission except after reasonable notice and public hearing with respect thereto.

(B) If matters to be considered at a meeting are of general application throughout the state, the meeting shall be held in Little Rock, and notice with respect thereto shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

(C) If the purpose of the meeting relates only to waters within one (1) county, that meeting shall be held in the county involved, and notice of the meeting shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in that county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

(D) If the purpose of the meeting is with respect to waters in more than one (1) county, the meeting shall be held in one (1) of those counties, and notice shall be published ~~in one (1) or more newspapers which together have general circulation in all of the counties involved~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

(2) The notice, with respect to any meeting, shall state the time and place at which the meeting will be held and the matters to be considered by the commission at that meeting.

SECTION 357. Arkansas Code § 15-22-212(a)(1), concerning notice of

application, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Upon receipt of the application and before granting or denying the permit, the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission shall cause notice of the filing thereof to be published for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published and having a general circulation in each county wherein the dam and area necessary for the impounding of water by means thereof is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 358. Arkansas Code § 15-22-613(a), concerning notice of sale of water resource development bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Bonds at any time sold under the provisions of this subchapter shall be on the basis of public sale on sealed bids, after notice published by the Chair of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for at least ~~one (1) insertion not less than~~ twenty (20) days before the date of sale ~~in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock and in a financial newspaper or journal published in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 359. Arkansas Code § 15-22-713(a), concerning notice of sale of bonds for project costs for waste disposal facilities or pollution abatement facilities, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Bonds shall be sold at public sale on sealed bids, after notice published by under § 25-1-501 et seq. by the Chair of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission ~~by at least one (1) insertion not less than twenty (20) days before the date of sale in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock and in a financial newspaper or journal published in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York.~~

SECTION 360. Arkansas Code § 15-22-910(b)(3), concerning notice of application for groundwater rights, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Upon receipt of the application, the commission shall cause to be published a notice of application for water rights ~~in a newspaper with statewide circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 361. Arkansas Code § 15-22-1207(a)(2), concerning notice of hearing, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Directing the clerk of the court to give notice of the hearing by publication for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper or newspapers having a general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 362. Arkansas Code § 15-32-501(b)(2)(A), concerning timber sale by co-owners or coheirs, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The notice required by this section shall be published weekly for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the county in which the land is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., the last date of publication being not more than forty (40) nor less than twenty (20) days from the date on which timber may be removed from the property pursuant to a proposed contract.

SECTION 363. Arkansas Code § 15-42-303(a)(2), concerning notice of theft of licensed hunting dogs, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Fails to post or to advertise such dog by posting notices in five (5) public places or by advertising the dog for ~~one (1) publication in a newspaper having a bona fide circulation of five hundred (500) or more subscribers in this state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 364. Arkansas Code § 15-55-303(c), concerning notice of mineral discoveries made during a geological survey on state lands offered for sale, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Withdrawal from sale by the Governor shall be by proclamation directed to the Commissioner of State Lands and shall be published ~~in at least one (1) newspaper of general state circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 365. Arkansas Code § 15-57-403(j)(1)(A) and (B), concerning notice to public by a quarry operator, are amended to read as follows:

(j)(1)(A) An operator will give notice to the public ~~in a local newspaper of general circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., that he or she intends to open or reactivate a quarry.

(B)(i) The notification will be part of an operator's intent and will be published ~~in the newspaper~~ at the same time the intent is filed with the department.

(ii) Proof of publication shall be provided to the department in the operator's notice of intent.

SECTION 366. Arkansas Code § 15-58-404(b)(1), concerning adverse effects of past coal mining practices, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) If the director determines that the conditions listed in subsection (a) of this section exist, the director or his or her authorized representative upon giving notice by mail to the owners, if known, or if not known, by posting notice upon the premises and advertising ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the land lies~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., may enter upon the property adversely affected by past coal mining practice and any other property to have access to the property to do all things necessary or expedient to restore, reclaim, abate, control, or prevent adverse effects.

SECTION 367. Arkansas Code § 15-72-323(1), concerning notice of public hearings before the Oil and Gas Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(1) When an application is filed with the commission pursuant to this subchapter, the commission shall give notice of the public hearing to be held upon such application by ~~one (1) publication at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, but not more than thirty (30) days prior thereto, in a legal newspaper having a general circulation in the county, or in each county, if there shall be more than one (1), in which the lands embraced within the application are situated, except that, as to any public hearing pertaining to a matter of general application throughout the State of Arkansas, the notice shall be published in a legal newspaper having statewide circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.; and

SECTION 368. Arkansas Code § 15-72-403(e), concerning publication of copy of summons of persons with an interest in a complaint regarding illegal oil and gas, is amended to read as follows:

(e) A copy of the summons shall also be published ~~once each week for four (4) weeks in some newspaper published in the county where the suit is pending and having a bona fide circulation therein~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 369. Arkansas Code § 15-72-605(2), concerning prerequisites to

the exercise of eminent domain for underground storage of natural gas, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The amount of recoverable oil and native gas, if any, remaining therein. However, the commission shall issue no certificate until after public hearing is had on the application, pursuant to notice served in compliance with notice in civil actions in the circuit court, together with notice published for at least once each week for two (2) ~~successive~~ weeks ~~in some newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties where the gas is proposed to be stored~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The first publication of the notice must be at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing.

SECTION 370. Arkansas Code § 16-66-408(a), concerning notice of sale of real and personal property, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The time and place of sale of real property upon execution, by virtue of a judgment, or order of sale, must be advertised for at least twenty (20) days, next before the day of sale by posting printed advertisements at the courthouse door and five (5) other public places in the county in which the sale is to be made, one (1) of which is to be upon the premises to be sold, and by publishing the advertisement ~~in a weekly newspaper, if there is one, in the county for at least two insertions before the day of sale.~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 371. Arkansas Code § 16-90-308(d), concerning notice to victims about proceeds from sale, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The circuit court in which the charges were filed shall publish a notice under § 25-1-501 et seq., for four (4) years or in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in each county of the state one (1) time every year for four (4) years from the date the money is deposited with the court, notifying any eligible victim or legal representative of an eligible victim that moneys are available to satisfy judgments pursuant to this section.

SECTION 372. Arkansas Code § 16-119-104(2), concerning notice of petition during restoration of destroyed judgments in court, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Due notice of the intended application, setting forth, in a

brief manner, the object and intent of the application, is given to the adverse party or parties, either by personal service, by delivering a copy of the notice in writing at least thirty (30) days before the first day of the term of court at which the intended application is to be made, or by publication ~~in some newspaper published in the county for two (2) consecutive weeks~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., the last publication to be at least six (6) weeks before the first day of the term of the court at which the intended application is to be made. ~~However, if there is no newspaper printed in the county, then the publication shall be made in some newspaper printed in Little Rock, Arkansas.~~

SECTION 373. Arkansas Code § 16-119-107(b)(4)(B), concerning publication of reinstatement of marriage record, is amended to read as follows:

(B) The petitioner has caused a notice of the intended application to be published ~~in some newspaper printed in the county at least~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., for six (6) weeks before filing the petition with the county court calling on all persons who might feel themselves concerned to file notice with the county court as to why the record should not be reinstated upon the records of the recorder of the county. ~~If no newspaper is printed in the county at the time of the publication, then the publication may be made in some newspaper printed in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.~~

SECTION 374. Arkansas Code § 16-119-108(c), concerning publication of petition to restore marriage record and schedule of property, is amended to read as follows:

(c) No such decree shall be rendered by the court unless the applicant has previously given public notice of the intended application, addressed to all whom it might concern, by publication for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county or, if none is published therein, then in some newspaper printed in Little Rock, Arkansas, for at least six (6) consecutive weeks before the commencement of the term of court at which the application is to be made~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 375. Arkansas Code § 17-29-313(b)(1), concerning notice of public hearing for licensing for embalmers and funeral directors, is amended

to read as follows:

(b)(1) Upon receiving an application for the construction of a crematorium, the board shall cause to be published ~~in a newspaper having general circulation within the county wherein the crematorium is proposed to be constructed~~ a notice of the date and time of a public hearing on the application under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 376. Arkansas Code § 17-50-405(c)(1)(A), concerning notice of petition to order to show cause for water well constructors, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Causing to be published a copy of the order to show cause ~~two (2) times each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the county where the property is located, with the last publication being not less than five (5) days before the show cause hearing~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.; and

SECTION 377. Arkansas Code § 17-50-406(1), concerning notice of sale of forfeited property of water well constructors, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Publish ~~at least two (2) times a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the county~~ notice of the sale, including the time, place, conditions of the sale, and a description of the property to be sold, under § 25-1-501 et seq.;

SECTION 378. Arkansas Code § 18-11-105(a)(2)(A), concerning notice of intent to oust cotenant from land, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)(i) After the expiration of the twenty-year period, whether commencing before or after July 15, 1991, the cotenant or tenant-in-common, in possession, publishes notice ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the surface rights are located,~~ of an intent to oust the cotenant or tenant-in-common, not in possession, from the lands described in the notice, as a result of the abandonment and waiver referred to in this subsection.

(ii) The notice shall be published ~~once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 379. Arkansas code § 18-15-303(a)(2), concerning notice of time and place of application to circuit court for eminent domain, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Notice of the time and place of the application shall be given either personally in the ordinary manner of serving process or by publishing a copy of the application with a statement of the time and place at which it is to be made. Notice shall be published for three (3) weeks preceding the time of the application ~~in some newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 380. Arkansas Code § 18-15-408(a)(4)(A), concerning notice of intent to condemn a cemetery or grave, is amended to read as follows:

(A) The notice shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for four (4) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper having a general circulation throughout the state in order to give the widest publicity to the municipality's intention~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.;

SECTION 381. Arkansas Code § 18-15-504(c), concerning publication of petition for assessment of damages for electric companies, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If the owners of the property are nonresidents of the state, infants, or persons of unsound mind, the notice shall be given as follows:

(1)(A) By publication ~~in any newspaper in the county which is authorized by law to publish legal notices~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

(B) The notices shall be published for the same length of time as may be required in other civil causes;

~~(2) If there is no such newspaper published in the county, then the publication shall be made in some newspaper designated by the circuit clerk and one (1) written or printed notice thereof posted on the door of the courthouse of the county; and~~

~~(3)~~ (2) In writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of the owners of the property as it appears on the records in the office of the county sheriff or county tax assessor for the mailing of statements of taxes, as provided in § 26-35-705.

SECTION 382. Arkansas Code § 18-15-902(a)(1), concerning notice of

petitions presented for public landing for real property, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Previous to any petition being presented for a public landing, notice shall be given by publication ~~in some newspaper published in the county, if there is one~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 383. Arkansas Code § 18-15-907(b), concerning notice of viewers' meeting concerning public landings, is amended to read as follows:

(b) It is further made the duty of the petitioners, if the public landing is proposed to be laid out or established on any land owned by nonresidents of the counties, to cause notice to be given to the nonresidents of the county by publication for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county. If there is no newspaper published in the county, then notice shall be given to the nonresidents by posting a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the viewers as specified in the order of the county court~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. Also the substance of the petition for the public landing shall be posted upon the door of the office of the clerk of the county court for at least two (2) weeks before the time fixed for the meeting of the viewers.

SECTION 384. Arkansas Code § 18-15-1004(c)(2), concerning publication of warning orders for levee drainage districts, is amended to read as follows:

(2) However, if the owner is a nonresident of the county or is unknown to the officers of the levee or drainage district, it shall be the duty of the clerk to publish a warning order ~~in some newspaper published in the county for four (4) insertions~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The warning order may be in the following form and shall be dated and signed by the clerk:

"To (name of supposed owner) and all other persons having any claim or interest in and to the following described land, situated in ... County, Arkansas, namely: ... (here describe the land over which the levee or drainage passes according to U.S. Surveys). You are hereby warned to appear in this court within thirty (30) days, and file exceptions to the award which has been filed in this office by the levee and drainage appraisers of this county for the appropriation of the portion of the hereinbefore described land, for the construction or intended construction of a levee, ditch, canal,

or drain, as the case may be, over and across the same.”

SECTION 385. Arkansas Code § 18-15-1202(c), concerning publication of petition for condemnation for railroad, telegraph, and telephone companies, is amended to read as follows:

(1)(A) By publication ~~in any newspaper in the county which is authorized by law to publish legal notices~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

(B) The notice shall be published for the same length of time as may be required in other civil causes.

~~(2) If there is no such newspaper published in the county, then the publication shall be made in some newspaper designated by the circuit clerk, and one (1) written or printed notice thereof shall be posted on the door of the courthouse of the county; and~~

~~(3)~~ (2) In writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of the owners of the property as it appears on the records in the office of the county sheriff or county tax assessor for the mailing of statements of taxes as provided in § 26-35-705.

SECTION 386. Arkansas Code § 18-15-1403(b)(1), concerning notice of time and place of application for use of private property for cemeteries, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Notice of the time and place of the application shall be given, either personally in the ordinary manner of serving process on the owner of the property or by publishing a copy of the application with a statement of the time and place at which it is to be made for three (3) weeks next preceding the time of application ~~in some newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 387. Arkansas Code § 18-16-407(a)(2), concerning publication of advertisement of sale of self-service storage facilities, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Publish ~~one (1) advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the storage facility is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least seven (7) days before the sale; and

SECTION 388. Arkansas Code § 18-28-209(a), concerning publication of

lists of abandoned property for the Unclaimed Property Act, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The administrator shall publish a notice not later than November 30 of the year next following the year in which abandoned property has been paid or delivered to the administrator. The notice must be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of this state in which is located the last known address of any person named in the notice~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. If a holder does not report an address for the apparent owner, or the address is outside this state, the notice must be published ~~in the county in which the holder has its principal place of business within this state or another county that the administrator reasonably selects~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The advertisement must be in a form that, in the judgment of the administrator, is likely to attract the attention of the apparent owner of the unclaimed property. The form must contain:

(1) ~~the~~ The name of each person appearing to be the owner of the property, as set forth in the report filed by the holder;

(2) ~~the~~ The last known address or location of each person appearing to be the owner of the property, if an address or location is set forth in the report filed by the holder;

(3) ~~a~~ A statement explaining that property of the owner is presumed to be abandoned and has been taken into the protective custody of the administrator; and

(4) ~~a~~ A statement that information about the property and its return to the owner is available to a person having a legal or beneficial interest in the property, upon request to the administrator.

SECTION 389. Arkansas Code § 18-28-212(a)(2), concerning notice of public sale of abandoned property under the Unclaimed Property Act, is amended to read as follows:

(2) A sale held under this section must be preceded by a single publication of notice, at least three (3) weeks before sale, ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the property is to be sold~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. However, the administrator is not required to publish notice under this section if the abandoned property will be sold through an Internet auction.

SECTION 390. Arkansas Code § 18-28-403(a)(2)(B), concerning publication of petition to remit abandoned mineral proceeds to the county, is amended to read as follows:

(B) The county attorney shall publish notice of his or her petition ~~in a legal newspaper having general circulation in the county under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~, and the notice shall be published ~~at least two (2) times a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks.

SECTION 391. Arkansas Code § 18-43-107(a)(2), concerning publication of notice of action of laborers' liens, is amended to read as follows:

(2) However, if the defendant is a nonresident, the notice will be given ~~by at least two (2) insertions in the county newspaper under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~, or by posting three (3) notices, two (2) in the most public places in the township where the property is and the other at the county clerk's office, to appear and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered and the property sold.

SECTION 392. Arkansas Code § 18-48-102(a)(2)(B), concerning notice of sale of property on behalf of livery stable keeper, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Notice shall be published ~~in any newspaper published in the county in which the stable or yard may be situated in which legal notices are authorized to be published under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 393. Arkansas Code § 18-48-211(b), concerning notice of sale of livestock, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In addition, a notice of the time and place of sale, containing a general description of the livestock, shall be published ~~at least one (1) time a week~~ for a period of two (2) weeks consecutively, ~~in a newspaper of general circulation, if there is one published in the county where the livestock is kept and where the sale shall take place. If no newspaper is published in that county, five (5) handbills containing the same information shall be posted in at least five (5) public places in the township, the town, or the city where the sale shall take place under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 394. Arkansas Code § 18-48-706(a)(2), concerning notice given

by marina operator to occupant before conducting a sale, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Publish one (1) advertisement ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the marina facility is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least seven (7) days prior to sale; and

SECTION 395. Arkansas Code § 18-49-104(c)(1), concerning publication of notice of sale of property under court order, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) The mortgagee, trustee, or vendor shall publish a notice of the sale ~~in a newspaper published and having a general circulation in the county in which the property is situated or, if this is not available, then in a newspaper of general statewide daily publication one (1) time~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 396. Arkansas Code § 18-50-105(1), concerning publication of notice for statutory foreclosures, is amended to read as follows:

(1) ~~In a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the trust property is situated or in a newspaper of general statewide daily publication one (1) time a week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for four (4) consecutive weeks prior to the date of sale. The final publication shall be no more than ten (10) days prior to the sale;

SECTION 397. Arkansas Code § 18-60-503(a)(1), concerning publication of notice to cancel property liens, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Upon the filing of the petition, the clerk of the court shall publish a notice of the filing of the petition ~~on the same day of each week, for four (4) weeks in some newspaper published in the county, if there is one, and if not, then in some newspaper having a circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 398. Arkansas Code § 18-60-603(a)(2), concerning publication of notice of a quieting title, is amended to read as follows:

(2) This notice shall be published four (4) weeks in succession ~~in some newspaper published in the county where the land lies, if there is a newspaper published in the county or, if not, in the nearest newspaper having~~

~~a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 399. Arkansas Code § 18-60-704 is amended to read as follows:  
18-60-704. Publication of notice.

Upon the filing of the petition, the clerk of the court shall publish for four (4) weeks ~~in some weekly newspaper published in the county~~ a notice of the filing of the petition under § 25-1-501 et seq., describing the lands and the alleged conveyance to the railroad as set forth in the petition, and calling upon all persons claiming any interest in the lands to appear at the next term of the circuit court of the county and show cause, if they can, why the title of the petitioner should not be confirmed and quieted in him or her as against the railroad, its successors and assigns, and the alleged grantor, his or her heirs and assigns, and all others claiming by, through, or under them, or either of them.

SECTION 400. Arkansas Code § 18-60-902(a), concerning notice of petition to vacate public utility easements, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon receipt of the petition, the county clerk shall promptly give notice by publication ~~at least one (1) time a week~~ for at least two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper having a general circulation within the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 401. Arkansas Code § 19-3-511(c)(1), concerning notice of meeting held to discuss term of deposit and interest under the Treasurer of State, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) Notice of the date and time of the meeting shall be given by the Secretary of the State Board of Finance and published ~~in a newspaper of statewide circulation at least five (5) days but no more than~~ for fifteen (15) days before the meeting under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 402. Arkansas Code § 19-3-522(c), concerning publication of call to debt service requirements by the Secretary of the State Board of Finance, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The secretary, without fail, shall cause notice of the call to be published not less than thirty (30) days before the first date upon which such bonds may be called, with publication to be under § 25-1-501 et seq., by

one (1) insertion in a newspaper published in ~~each of the cities~~ city of ~~Little Rock, Arkansas,~~ St. Louis, Missouri, and in a financial newspaper published in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, State of New York.

SECTION 403. Arkansas Code § 19-4-1405(a)(1), concerning publication of notice to advertise for bids for state agencies, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) After a state agency has caused the preparation and has approved plans and specifications, it shall then proceed to advertise for bids for the contemplated work by the publication of notice ~~one (1) time each week~~ for not less than two (2) consecutive weeks for projects over the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and shall proceed to advertise for bids ~~one (1) time each week~~ for not less than one (1) week for projects more than the quote bid and less than or equal to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

(B)(i) This notice shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the proposed improvements are to be made or in a trade journal reaching the construction industry~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

(ii) The last insertion shall be not less than one (1) week ~~prior to~~ before the date on which the bids are to be received.

SECTION 404. Arkansas Code § 19-4-1415(d)(3)(A), concerning publication of notice of intention to receive written proposals for projects exceeding five million dollars, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Publish notice of its intention to receive written proposals three (3) consecutive days ~~in a newspaper of statewide distribution~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.;

SECTION 405. Arkansas Code § 19-9-607(b), concerning notice of hearing for the Revenue Bond Act of 1987, is amended to read as follows:

(b) At least ten (10) days before the date set for the public hearing, notice of the hearing shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.:

- (1) In the locality to be affected; or
- (2) In the case of a regional water distribution district, regional wastewater district, or regional solid waste management district, ~~in~~

~~a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which land lies within the boundaries of the district under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 406. Arkansas Code § 19-11-229(d)(1), concerning notice of competitive sealed bidding for the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) Notice inviting bids shall be given not fewer than five (5) calendar days nor more than thirty (30) calendar days preceding the date for the opening of bids by publishing the notice ~~at least one (1) time in at least one (1) newspaper having general circulation in the state or posting by electronic media~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., but in all instances, adequate notice shall be given.

SECTION 407. Arkansas Code § 20-10-219(c), concerning publication of a construction program for a long-term care facility, is amended to read as follows:

(c) After approval of the plan by the United States Surgeon General, the department shall ~~cause to be published~~ publish a general description of the provisions thereof ~~in at least one (1) newspaper having general circulation in each county in the state under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~, and shall make the plan, ~~or a copy thereof,~~ available upon request to ~~all~~ an interested ~~persons or organizations~~ person or organization.

SECTION 408. Arkansas Code § 20-13-303(b)(1), concerning notice of public hearing for county programs, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) When a quorum court proposes to enact an ordinance to provide emergency medical services, whether on its own motion or upon petition of electors, it shall set a date for a public hearing on the question and shall ~~cause~~ publish notice of the time and place of the hearing ~~to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or in the area proposed to be served~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 409. Arkansas Code § 20-13-304(a), concerning publication of ordinance for referendum of county programs, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Within ten (10) days after the enactment of the ordinance, a copy of the ordinance in its entirety shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general~~

~~circulation in the county or in the designated area~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 410. Arkansas Code § 20-17-905(b), concerning notice of filing of petition for removal of the dead from an abandoned cemetery, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notice of the filing of a petition for the removal of the dead from an abandoned cemetery under this section shall be ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the county where the cemetery is located~~ published under § 25-1-501 et seq., and hearing on the petition shall be held not earlier than twenty (20) days following this publication.

SECTION 411. Arkansas Code § 20-17-906(e)(1)(C), concerning publication of petition for declaring a cemetery lot abandoned, is amended to read as follows:

(C) By publishing the notice ~~one (1) time each week for three (3) successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation in the county within which the cemetery is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., the first publication being made not less than thirty (30) days before the date of hearing.

SECTION 412. Arkansas Code § 20-17-906(i)(1)(A), concerning publication of petition for declaring a cemetery lot abandoned, is amended to read as follows:

(A) ~~One (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the cemetery is located~~ Under § 25-1-501 et seq.; and

SECTION 413. Arkansas Code § 20-17-1008(a)(1), concerning publication of notice to establish or extend the boundaries of a cemetery, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) ~~Prior to making application~~ Before applying to the Arkansas Cemetery Board for a permit to establish and operate a new cemetery or for the extension of the boundaries of an existing cemetery, the ~~person proposing to make application~~ applicant shall ~~cause to be published weekly~~ publish for three (3) weeks ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the proposed cemetery is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., a notice that an application will be filed with the board to establish or extend the

boundaries of a cemetery in the county.

SECTION 414. Arkansas Code § 20-17-1103(a)(2), concerning publication of petition describing territory to be affected by building a cemetery, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The notice shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county where the lands affected are situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 415. Arkansas Code § 20-17-1109(a), concerning notice of filing by publication of assessment of cemetery, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The assessment shall be filed with the county clerk of the county, and the secretary of the board of commissioners shall ~~thereupon~~ give notice of its filing by publication ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) weeks ~~in a newspaper published and having a bona fide circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This notice may be in the following form:

"Notice is hereby given that the assessment of annual benefits of ... District Number .... has been filed in the office of the County Clerk of ... County, where it is open for inspection. All persons wishing to be heard on said assessment will be heard by the assessors of said district in the office of the County Clerk between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., at ....., on the ... day of ....., 20...."

SECTION 416. Arkansas Code § 20-26-305(d)(1), concerning notice of innkeeper's intent to sell property at public auction, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Giving ten (10) days' notice of the time and place of sale ~~in a newspaper of circulation in the county where the inn or hotel is situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.; and

SECTION 417. Arkansas Code § 20-32-108(d)(2), concerning public notice of application for permit to construct and operate a facility, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Publication of a public notice ~~in the largest newspaper published~~

~~in each county where the property which is the subject matter of the proposed facility permit or permit modification is located and in at least one (1) newspaper of statewide circulation of the intent to apply for a permit or permit modification to construct and operate a facility under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 418. Arkansas Code § 20-48-105(b)(2)(C), concerning notice provided if a nonprofit community program is determined not to expand, is amended to read as follows:

(C) If all nonprofit community programs in the remainder of the state determine not to expand the identified nonresidential service to adults with developmental disabilities in the underserved county, the division shall provide notice ~~to the general public in a newspaper of statewide general circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 419. Arkansas Code § 20-57-305(c), concerning notice of changes made by the State Board of Health regarding the Flour and Bread Enrichment Act, is amended to read as follows:

(c) ~~Whenever~~ When under this subchapter publication of ~~any a~~ a notice, order, rule, or regulation is required, the publication shall be made for at least ~~three (3) times in~~ ten (10) days ~~in newspapers of general circulation in three (3) different sections of the state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 420. Arkansas Code § 20-64-308(a)(1), concerning notice of seizure and forfeiture of control, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) When an article, drug, or other thing is seized and forfeited under the provisions of § 20-64-307, the Director of the Department of Health or his or her authorized agent shall, within five (5) days thereafter, publish ~~in a newspaper having a statewide circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., a notice containing a list of the articles, equipment, drugs, or other things seized, the name or names of the person or persons, if known, from whom taken, and the place where seized.

SECTION 421. Arkansas Code § 20-64-317(b), concerning notice of rules of the Arkansas Drug Abuse Control Act, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Before the rules or regulations or amendments thereto shall become

effective, the board shall publish notice ~~two (2) times weekly~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in this state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., setting forth in the ~~newspaper~~ notice a concise summary of the proposed rule, regulation, or amendment thereto and setting forth, in addition, the time and place at which open public hearings are to be held on the rules and regulations.

SECTION 422. Arkansas Code § 21-2-111(c)(2), concerning publication of petition for discharge of sureties on official bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(2) If the principal in the bond has been absent from the state for the period of six (6) months, the publication of notice and petition, under § 25-1-501 et seq., for three (3) successive weeks, ~~in some newspaper printed in this state~~ shall be a sufficient service of notice.

SECTION 423. Arkansas Code § 22-3-910(a)(2), concerning notice of sale of bonds for the Arkansas Justice Building, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Notice of the sale shall be published ~~once a week~~ for at least two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock, and having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., with the first publication to be at least twenty (20) days ~~prior to~~ before the date of sale.

SECTION 424. Arkansas Code § 22-3-918(a)(2), concerning notice for bids for construction of the Arkansas Justice Building, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The notice shall be published ~~one (1) time each week~~ for not less than three (3) consecutive weeks ~~in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation published in the City of Little Rock~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and in such other newspapers and trade or construction journals as may, in the opinion of the authority, be desirable.

SECTION 425. Arkansas Code § 22-4-503 (a)-(c), concerning the procedure for advertising disposition for property dedicated for public parks, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Any sale, lease, grant, exchange, or other disposition of any

property under the provisions of this subchapter shall be made only after advertising the disposition ~~in a newspaper in which legal advertisements are published for the county in which the land or other facilities to be disposed of lie, one (1) time a week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for four (4) weeks.

(b) ~~In the event~~ If the property to be sold lies in more than one (1) county, the advertisement shall be run ~~one (1) time a week~~ for four (4) weeks ~~in the newspaper in which legal advertisements are published for each county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

(c) All state property required to be advertised under this subchapter shall also be advertised ~~one (1) time in two (2) additional newspapers of general circulation in this state~~ under § 25-1-5-1 et seq.

SECTION 426. Arkansas Code § 22-5-806(b)(1), concerning notice of application for leases and permits for mineral, timber and other resources, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Upon receipt of an application for a lease or permit, the office of the Commissioner of State Lands shall determine whether issuing a permit or lease would be in the best interests of the State of Arkansas. If so, the Commissioner of State Lands, within ten (10) days after that determination, shall cause to be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in this state for~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., no fewer than three (3) consecutive days, ~~and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the property is located for not less than one (1) day,~~ a notice that an application has been filed.

SECTION 427. Arkansas Code § 22-6-303(a), concerning publication of notice of sale of school lands, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The sheriff shall give notice by publication ~~in some newspaper published in the county where the land is situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., at least four (4) weeks before the day of sale, that he or she will sell the land or lots at the courthouse door.

SECTION 428. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(e), concerning notice of sale procedure for lands of state institutions, is amended to read as follows:

(e)~~(1)~~ The authority shall give notice of the terms of the sale by publication ~~in one (1) newspaper regularly published in Little Rock,~~

~~Arkansas, and having a general circulation in the State of Arkansas, by four (4) weekly insertions therein.~~

~~(2) If there is a newspaper published in the county in which the lands are located having a general circulation therein, the notice shall also be published in that newspaper one (1) time a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, provided the land may be advertised for sale as a whole or in separate tracts under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 429. Arkansas Code § 22-9-203(a) and (b), concerning publication of intention to receive bids for public improvements, are amended to read as follows:

(a) No contract providing for the making of major repairs or alterations, for the erection of buildings or other structures, or for making other permanent improvements shall be entered into by the state or any agency thereof, any county, municipality, school district, or other local taxing unit with any contractor in instances where all estimated costs of the work shall exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) unless:

(1) The state or any agency of the state shall have first published notice of its intention to receive bids one (1) time each week for not less than two (2) consecutive weeks for projects more than the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and published notice of its intention to receive bids ~~one (1) time each week~~ for not less than one (1) week for projects more than the quote bid limit, as provided under the Arkansas Building Authority minimum standards and criteria, but less than or equal to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) ~~in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the proposed improvements are to be made or in a trade journal reaching the construction industry~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.; and

(2) Any county, municipality, school district, or other local taxing unit shall have first published notice of its intention to receive bids ~~one (1) time each week~~ for not less than two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the proposed improvements are to be made~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. or in a trade journal reaching the construction industry.

(b)(1) The date of publication of the last notice shall be not less than one (1) week before the day fixed therein for the receipt of bids.

~~(2) If there is no newspaper regularly published in the county in which the proposed work is to be done, the notices may be published in any newspaper having a general circulation in the county.~~

~~(3)~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting to two (2) the number of weeks the notices may be published for projects over the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), limiting to one (1) the number of weeks the notices may be published for projects more than the quote bid limit, as provided under subsection (a) of this section, and less than or equal to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and as limiting to two (2) the number of weeks the notices may be published for all other projects.

SECTION 430. Arkansas code § 22-9-209(a) and (b), concerning publication of notice of intention to receive bids for improvements of historic sites, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A contract for the altering, repairing, or renovation of a recognized historic site or structure owned by the State of Arkansas or with title vested in the name of a state agency or of another taxing authority in which the estimated cost of the work equals or exceeds the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) shall not be entered into between the state agency or taxing authority and any contractor unless the state agency or taxing authority has first published notice of intention to receive bids for improvements ~~one (1) time each week~~ for not less than two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the proposed improvements are to be made~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. or in a trade journal reaching the construction industry.

(b)(1) The date of publication of the last notice shall be not less than one (1) week before the date affixed therein for the receipt of bids.

~~(2) If there is no newspaper regularly published in the county in which the proposed work is to be done, the notices may be published in any newspaper having a general circulation in the county.~~

~~(3)~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting to two (2) the number of weeks the notices may be published.

SECTION 431. Arkansas Code § 23-4-1103(b)(2)(B)(i), concerning notice of modification of rates for public utilities, is amended to read as follows:

~~(i) A newspaper of general circulation in the~~

~~service territory of the generation and transmission cooperative~~ Under § 25-1-501 et seq.; or

SECTION 432. Arkansas Code § 23-11-306(b), concerning notice of meeting to vote for consolidation of two or more railroad companies, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In order to accomplish such a consolidation, the companies interested may enter into a contract, fixing the terms and conditions, which shall first be ratified and approved by two-thirds (2/3) in interest of all the issued capital stock held in such companies or roads proposing to consolidate. The vote for consolidation shall be taken at a meeting of the stockholders regularly called for the purpose after giving sixty (60) days' notice of the meeting by advertisement ~~in some daily or weekly newspaper printed and published in Little Rock, Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. and such other newspapers elsewhere as the boards of directors of the companies may deem expedient.

SECTION 433. Arkansas Code § 23-11-309(1), concerning notice of meeting, is amended to read as follows:

(1) A meeting of the stockholders of all the companies, parties to the agreement, whereby a railroad in this state may be aided, purchased, leased, sublet, consolidated, or affected by such an arrangement has been called by the directors thereof, at such time and place and in such manner as the directors shall designate, after giving sixty (60) days' notice of the meeting by advertisement ~~in some daily or weekly newspaper printed and published in Little Rock, Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and such other newspapers elsewhere as the board of directors shall deem expedient;

SECTION 434. Arkansas Code § 23-12-103(c), concerning notice of unsafe tracks of railroads, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The commission is required, in case any company fails to repair the track, bridge, or other structure within the time required, to give notice of the fact to the traveling public ~~in some newspaper having a general circulation along the line of the railroad~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 435. Arkansas Code § 23-13-216(b)(1), concerning notice of

hearings for the Motor Carrier Act, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Service of notices of hearings shall be by United States mail and publication ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in Pulaski County~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 436. Arkansas Code § 23-17-225(e), concerning publication of certificate for dissolution concerning telephone and telegraph companies, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Immediately upon the filing of the certificate with the Secretary of State, the board of directors shall cause notice of the dissolution and winding-up proceedings to be mailed to each known creditor of and claimant against the cooperative and shall publish a copy of the notice of dissolution ~~for one (1) week in a newspaper of bona fide circulation published in the county wherein the home office of the cooperative is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 437. Arkansas Code § 23-18-513(d)(1), concerning notice of application for certificate for the Utility Facility Environmental and Economic Protection Act, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) Each application shall also be accompanied by proof that public notice of the application was given to persons residing in municipalities and counties entitled to receive notice under subsection (a) of this section by the publication ~~in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the municipalities or counties of~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.:

- (A) A summary of the application;
- (B) A statement of the date on or about which it is to be filed; and
- (C) A statement that intervention or limited appearances shall be filed with the commission within thirty (30) days after the date stated in the notice, unless good cause is shown under § 23-18-517.

SECTION 438. Arkansas Code § 23-36-116(b)(8)(B), concerning notice of claims for industrial loans, is amended to read as follows:

(B) The commissioner shall cause notice to be given ~~by advertisement in such newspapers as he or she may direct, weekly~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., for four (4) consecutive weeks, calling on all persons who may

have claims against the estate to present the claim to him or her and make legal proof of the claim at a place and at a time to be fixed by the commissioner in the notice.

SECTION 439. Arkansas Code § 23-48-504(c)(2), concerning publication of hearing for conversion of national bank, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Upon publication ~~in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock and having a general and substantially statewide circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., at least fourteen (14) days before the hearing, the publication to show the time, place, and purpose of the hearing.

SECTION 440. Arkansas Code § 23-48-703(b)(2), concerning standards and procedures of a full-service bank branch, is amended to read as follows;

(2) Not less than thirty (30) days prior to filing the application, publishing notice ~~of the application one (1) time per week~~ for four (4) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper of statewide circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 441. Arkansas Code § 23-49-105(a)(5), concerning notice of possession of business or property, is amended to read as follows:

(5) Causing the notice to be published ~~by one (1) insertion in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock and having a general and substantially statewide circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 442. Arkansas Code § 23-49-109(b)(1), concerning notice of claims procedure for dissolution or liquidation, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Published ~~once a month~~ for three (3) consecutive months ~~in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock and having a general and substantially statewide circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.; and

SECTION 443. Arkansas Code § 23-51-107(a), concerning notice and investigation of charger application for trust institutions, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Bank Commissioner shall notify the organizers when the application is complete and accepted for filing and all required fees and

deposits have been paid. Upon filing of an application with the commissioner, the organizers of the proposed state trust company shall give notice of filing through publication ~~by one (1) insertion in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock and having a general and substantially statewide circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and shall give written notice of filing through the United States mail to all trust institutions maintaining a principal office or a trust office in the county wherein the principal office of the proposed state trust company is to be located.

SECTION 444. Arkansas Code § 23-51-135(d), concerning public notice of application regarding acquisition of control of trust institutions, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The proposed transferee must give public notice of the application, its date of filing, and the identity of each participant, in the form specified by the commissioner, through publication ~~by one (1) insertion in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock and having a general and substantially statewide circulation, promptly after the commissioner accepts the application as complete~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 445. Arkansas Code § 23-51-158 is amended to read as follows:

23-51-158. Authority to liquidate – Publication.

If the Bank Commissioner shall approve the liquidation, the commissioner shall issue to the state trust company under the commissioner's seal, a permit for that purpose. No such permit shall be issued by the commissioner until the commissioner shall be satisfied that provision has been made by the state trust company to satisfy and pay off all creditors. If not so satisfied, the commissioner shall refuse to issue a permit, and shall be authorized to take possession of the state trust company and its assets and business, and hold the same and liquidate the state trust company in the manner provided in this chapter. When the commissioner shall approve the voluntary liquidation of a state trust company, the directors of said state trust company shall cause to be published ~~in a newspaper with a substantially statewide circulation published in the City of Little Rock~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., a notice that the state trust company is closing down its affairs and going into liquidation, and notify its creditors to present their claims for payment. The notice shall be published once a week for four (4)

consecutive weeks.

SECTION 446. Arkansas Code § 23-67-506(b)(1), concerning publication of notice of review of filings for malpractice insurance rates, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Publish notice of the filing for three (3) consecutive business days ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in this state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.; and

SECTION 447. Arkansas Code § 23-69-307(c), concerning notice of approval of proposed reorganization plan by the Insurance Commissioner, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If the commissioner approves a plan of reorganization, the commissioner shall also publish notification of the issuance of the order ~~in a legal newspaper in Pulaski County and in the county of domicile of the mutual insurer if different from Pulaski County~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 448. Arkansas Code § 23-71-110(d)(1), concerning notice of intent of guaranty fund deposit, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) When an insurer desires to relinquish its business in this state, the commissioner, on application of the insurer under oath of its president or principal officer and secretary or actuary, shall publish notice of such an intention ~~at least one (1) time a week~~ for four (4) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper of general circulation published at the state capital~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 449. Arkansas Code § 23-90-111(b), concerning notification to insured of insurer's insolvency, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Upon the determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that an insurer is an insolvent insurer, the Insurance Commissioner shall notify the insureds of the insolvent insurer of the determination and of their rights under this chapter. The notification shall be by mail at each insured's last known address, when available, but if sufficient information for notification by mail is not available, notice by publication ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. printed in this state shall be sufficient.

SECTION 450. Arkansas Code § 23-90-116(b)(2)(C), concerning notice of duties of receiver of insurance, is amended to read as follows:

(C) If the records of the insolvent insurer do not reflect the address of a claimant, the receiver may give notice by publication ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 451. Arkansas Code § 23-110-304(a), concerning notice for approval or rejection of horse racing in Arkansas, is amended to read as follows:

(a)~~(1)~~ After receipt of the certification provided for in § 23-110-302(e), the Secretary of State shall cause to be published ~~by one (1) insertion in a newspaper of general circulation published in each county of this state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the next general election, a notice reading substantially as follows:

“NOTICE is hereby given that at the next general election the following question will be placed upon the ballot for the approval or rejection by the qualified electors of the state voting at such general election:

“Shall the Arkansas Racing Commission be authorized to grant a franchise to conduct horse racing in ... County, Arkansas?

“Given under my hand on this ... day of ....., 20....

Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas”.

~~(2) If there is no such newspaper published in any county, the notice may be published in any newspaper having a general circulation in the county.~~

SECTION 452. Arkansas Code § 23-110-402(c)(4), concerning notice of election regarding the number of horse-racing days, is amended to read as follows:

(4) Notice of the election shall be given by the clerk of the city, town, or county involved ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having general circulation within the city, town, or county involved~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., not less than ten (10) days prior to the election. No other publication or posting of a notice by any other public official shall be required.

SECTION 453. Arkansas Code § 23-111-304(a), concerning publication of notice by Secretary of State regarding a franchise to conduct greyhound racing, is amended to read as follows:

(a)~~(1)~~ After receipt of the certification provided for in § 23-111-302(e), the Secretary of State shall cause to be published ~~by one (1) insertion in a newspaper of general circulation published in each county of the state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the next general election, a notice reading substantially as follows:

“NOTICE is hereby given that at the next general election the following question will be placed upon the ballot for the approval or rejection by the qualified electors of the state voting at such general election:

“Shall the Arkansas Racing Commission be authorized to grant a franchise to conduct greyhound racing in ... County, Arkansas?

“Given under my hand on this ... day of ..., 20....

..Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas”.

~~(2) If there is no such newspaper published in any county, the notice may be published in any newspaper having a general circulation in the county.~~

SECTION 454. Arkansas Code § 23-111-405(d)(1)(C), concerning notice of hearing and investigation by the Arkansas Racing Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(C) At least ten (10) days prior to the hearing, publish notice of the hearing ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which dog racing is held or proposed to be held under the franchise~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 455. Arkansas Code § 23-113-201(a)(2)(D), concerning limitations on wagering on electronic games of skill, is amended to read as follows:

(D) Notice of the election shall be given by the clerk of the city, town, or county involved, ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having general circulation within the city, town, or county involved~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., not less than ten (10) calendar days before the election. No

other publication or posting of a notice by any other public official shall be required.

SECTION 456. Arkansas Code § 23-113-201(a)(F)(i), concerning limitations on wagering on electronic games of skill, is amended to read as follows:

(F)(i) Within thirty (30) calendar days after completion of the tabulation of the votes, the mayor of the city or town or the county judge of the county, as the case may be, shall proclaim the results of the election by issuing a proclamation and publishing it ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation within the city, town, or county involved~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 457. Arkansas Code § 24-2-202(b)(1)(A), concerning procedures for purchase or sale of securities, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) Not fewer than seven (7) days nor more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the purchase of securities, the board of trustees shall cause a notice to be published ~~by one (1) insertion, in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation throughout the state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and in such other newspapers or financial journals as to it may appear desirable.

SECTION 458. Arkansas Code § 25-15-204(a)(1)(D)(i), concerning procedures for adoption, is amended to read as follows:

(i) ~~In a newspaper of general daily circulation~~ Under § 25-1-501 et seq. for three (3) consecutive days and, when appropriate, in ~~those a~~ a trade, industry, or professional ~~publications~~ publication that the agency ~~may select~~ selects; and

SECTION 459. Arkansas Code § 26-26-1301(b), concerning order upon complaint during reassessment of property, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Due notice of the time and place fixed for a hearing upon any complaint made as indicated shall be mailed, at least fifteen (15) days before the time fixed for the hearing, to the county judge and county assessor of the county affected, and the county judge shall immediately ~~cause the notice to be published~~ publish the notice, at the expense of the county,

~~in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county and district~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 460. Arkansas Code § 26-26-1307(a)(3), concerning notice of reappraisal during reassessment of property, is amended to read as follows:

(3) The notice required by this section may be accomplished by publication in newspapers, by radio, by television, by direct mail, under § 25-1-501 et seq., or by any other reasonable means.

SECTION 461. Arkansas Code § 26-27-203(6), concerning rules for valuation during equalization of assets, is amended to read as follows:

(6) Before any percentage shall be added to or deducted from the total assessed valuation of any county, township, district, city, or town in this state by the board, it shall cause a notice to be served upon the county judge of the county, who shall ~~cause notice to be published in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county~~ publish the notice under § 25-1-501 et seq., at least ten (10) days before the date of the proposed change. The notice shall give the date and place at which the board will sit and shall warn the county judge and all citizens of the county to appear at the time and place and show cause, if any they can, why the proposed change should not be made or the assessments increased or reduced.

SECTION 462. Arkansas Code § 26-27-318(f)(1)(A), concerning notice of appeals to courts, is amended to read as follows:

(f)(1)(A) The county court shall acquire no jurisdiction to hear the appeal unless the county clerk shall have first given notice of the appeal by publication ~~by one (1) insertion published~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. not less than one (1) week before the date fixed for the hearing of the appeal ~~in a daily or weekly newspaper published and having a bona fide general circulation in the county or in any county in which no daily or weekly newspaper is published,~~ by posting a notice at the courthouse and in four (4) other conspicuous places in the county seat of the county for a period of not less than one (1) week before the date fixed for the hearing of the appeal.

SECTION 463. Arkansas Code § 26-35-605(c), concerning notice of extension of time for tax collectors, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The proclamation shall be published ~~in some newspaper in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for two (2) weeks ~~if a newspaper is published therein.~~

SECTION 464. Arkansas Code § 26-35-702 is amended to read as follows:  
26-35-702. Location – Notice.

County sheriffs and county collectors shall be permitted to collect all taxes at the county seats of the respective counties, after having given notice to be published for four (4) weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and by posting notices in three (3) public places in each township to the effect that taxes are due and payable at the time specified in § 26-35-501 and that the books will be kept at the county site of the county for the collection of taxes for the time mentioned.

SECTION 465. Arkansas Code § 26-35-703(b), concerning notice of discontinuance of township visits, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In any county where the county collector is required to go to the various townships, ~~he or she~~ the county collector shall publish a notice ~~in a newspaper~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., stating that his or her visits to the several townships will be discontinued. The notice shall state where the taxes may be paid, and, where there are two (2) or more county sites, the notice shall advise the dates upon which taxes may be paid at the respective sites.

SECTION 466. Arkansas Code § 26-36-203(a), concerning publication of delinquent personal property tax list, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)~~(A)~~ No later than December 1 in each year, the county collector shall prepare a list of delinquent personal property taxes and ~~deliver a copy of the list to a legal newspaper of the county~~ publish the list under § 25-1-501 et seq.

~~(B)(i)~~ (2)(A) ~~Within~~ If published by newspaper within seven (7) days thereafter, the newspaper shall publish the list.

~~(ii)~~ (B) The newspaper shall publish the list in at least ~~seven-point~~ 7-point type.

~~(C)~~ (3) If the newspaper regularly publishes a total market coverage edition or supplement publication that has wider circulation within

the county or district, the newspaper may publish the list in that edition or publication.

~~(2) If there is no newspaper in the county or district, the publication shall be in the nearest newspaper having a general circulation in the county or district for which the list is being published.~~

SECTION 467. Arkansas Code § 26-36-206(e)(1), concerning distraint of goods to pay delinquent personal property taxes, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1) If a taxpayer operating a business in a county is delinquent in the payment of personal property taxes for personal property owned by or used in the business, then following the certification and publication of delinquency under § 26-36-203, the county collector may distrain goods or chattels of the taxpayer owned by or used in the business under subsection (a) of this section by publication of a Notice of Distraint and Tax Sale in three (3) public places in the county or ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 468. Arkansas Code § 26-37-102(a), concerning publication of notice of fee, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The county collector in each county shall, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty (40) days prior to the certification of the land, cause to be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.:

- (1) A list of real property not previously redeemed;
- (2) The names of the owners of record;
- (3) The amount of the taxes, penalties, interest, and cost necessary to be paid to redeem the property;
- (4) The date upon which such period of redemption expires; and
- (5) Notice that unless the property is redeemed prior to the expiration of the period of redemption, the lands will be forfeited to the state.

SECTION 469. Arkansas Code § 26-37-107(a), concerning publication of delinquent lands list, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) The county collectors of this state shall cause the list of

the delinquent lands in their respective counties to be prepared and a copy of the list to be delivered to a legal newspaper ~~of the county or the~~ Secretary of State by no later than December 1 of each year.

(B)(i) Within seven (7) days thereafter, the newspaper or Secretary of State shall publish the list under § 25-1-501 et seq.

(ii) The newspaper shall publish the list in at least ~~seven-point~~ 7-point type.

(C) If the newspaper regularly publishes a total market coverage edition or supplement publication that has wider circulation within the county or district, the newspaper may publish the list in that edition or publication.

~~(2) If there is no newspaper in the county or district, the publication shall be in the nearest newspaper having a general circulation in the county or district for which the list is being published.~~

~~(3)~~ (2) The list of delinquent lands shall contain at least the name of the owner and the legal description of the property as was recorded on the tax book.

SECTION 470. Arkansas Code § 26-37-201(a)(1), concerning publication of notice of fee for real property, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Commissioner of State Lands shall publish a notice of sale of land upon which the ad valorem property taxes have not been paid ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the county where the land is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 471. Arkansas Code § 26-38-203(a), concerning publication of notice of real property, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon filing a complaint under § 26-38-202, the plaintiff shall publish for four (4) consecutive weeks, ~~one (1) time per week, in a newspaper having general circulation in the county wherein the real property is located~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. a notice calling on all persons, firms, corporations, or improvement districts that can set up any right to the real property so conveyed and forfeited to show cause why the title to the real property should not be confirmed, quieted, and vested in the plaintiff in fee simple.

SECTION 472. Arkansas Code § 26-52-605(c), concerning notice of special election, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Notice of the special election shall be given by publication ~~in some newspaper of general circulation within the Arkansas border city or town on two (2) occasions~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., not more than thirty (30) days and not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the special election.

SECTION 473. Arkansas Code § 26-55-903(d)(2), concerning notice of hearing for rules concerning vehicle tank inspections, is amended to read as follows:

(2) At least thirty (30) days' prior written notice of the commencement of the hearing shall be published ~~two (2) times in one (1) newspaper of general circulation that has been designated for that purpose by the director~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 474. Arkansas code § 26-57-1213(c), concerning notice of sale of device upon forfeiture, is amended to read as follows:

(c) At the discretion of the director, notice of sale of the vending device may be given, alternatively to posting, by publishing the notice of sale ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least thirty (30) days prior to the sale.

SECTION 475. Arkansas Code § 26-74-204(g), concerning notice of issuance of bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(g) Bonds issued under the authority of this subchapter may be sold at public or private sale. If sold at public sale, the bonds shall be sold on sealed bids, and notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the sale. In either case, the bonds may be sold at such price as the county may accept, including sale at a discount.

SECTION 476. Arkansas Code § 26-74-304(g), concerning notice of issuance of bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(g) Bonds issued under the authority of this subchapter may be sold at public or private sale. If sold at public sale, the bonds shall be sold on

sealed bids, and notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~ at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the sale. In either case, the bonds may be sold at such price as the county may accept, including sale at a discount.

SECTION 477. Arkansas Code § 26-74-309(b), concerning notice of results of an election for county sales and use taxes, is amended to read as follows:

(b) When the election results have been certified, the county court shall immediately issue a proclamation declaring the results of the election and cause the proclamation to be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation within the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 478. Arkansas Code § 26-74-404(b), concerning notice of results of an election for county sales and use taxes, is amended to read as follows:

(b) When the election results have been certified, the county court shall immediately issue a proclamation declaring the results of the election and cause the proclamation to be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation within the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 479. Arkansas Code § 26-74-605(b)(1), concerning notice of results of an election for county sales and use taxes, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Notice of the election shall be given by the county clerk ~~by one (1) publication in a newspaper having a general circulation within the eligible county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. not less than ten (10) days prior to the election.

SECTION 480. Arkansas Code § 26-75-204(g), concerning notice of issuance of bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(g) Bonds issued under the authority of this subchapter may be sold at public or private sale. If sold at public sale, the bonds shall be sold on sealed bids, and notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas under~~

§ 25-1-501 et seq., at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the sale. In either case, the bonds may be sold at such price as the city may accept, including sale at a discount.

SECTION 481. Arkansas Code § 26-75-209(1)(B), concerning notice of effective date of ordinance, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Following the election, the mayor of the city shall issue his or her proclamation of the results of the election with reference to the local sales and use tax, and the proclamation shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation in the city~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 482. Arkansas Code § 26-75-304(g), concerning notice of issuance of bonds, is amended to read as follows:

(g) Bonds issued under the authority of this subchapter may be sold at public or private sale. If sold at public sale, the bonds shall be sold on sealed bids, and notice of the sale shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the sale. In either case, the bonds may be sold at such price as the city may accept, including sale at a discount.

SECTION 483. Arkansas Code § 26-75-309(1)(B), concerning notice of effective date of ordinance, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Following the election, the mayor of the city shall issue his or her proclamation of the results of the election with reference to the local sales and use tax, and the proclamation shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation in the city~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 484. Arkansas Code § 26-75-404(d)(1), concerning notice of election requirements and procedures, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) Following the election, the mayor of the city or town shall issue a proclamation of the results of the election, and the proclamation shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation in the city or town~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 485. Arkansas Code § 26-75-503(e), concerning notice of election requirements, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Prior to the election, the ordinance shall be published ~~one (1) time a week~~ for at least three (3) weeks ~~in at least one (1) newspaper published in the city in which the election is to be held~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 486. Arkansas Code § 26-77-104 is amended to read as follows:  
26-77-104. Publication of licensing ordinance.

Any ordinance passed under the provisions of this chapter, before becoming effective, shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of bona fide circulation in the city or town~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. The publication shall not be later than one (1) week after the passage of the ordinance.

SECTION 487. Arkansas Code § 26-78-111(e), concerning notice of election for local taxes, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Notice of the election shall be given by the governing body of the municipality or the county ~~in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality or county one (1) time a week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the last publication to be not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the election.

SECTION 488. Arkansas Code § 26-81-106(a)(1), concerning notice of election results for local taxes, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Upon certification of the election results, the county judge shall issue a proclamation declaring the results of the election and cause the proclamation to be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation within the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 489. Arkansas Code § 26-82-105(1)(B)(ii), concerning notice of requirements and effective dates for local taxes, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) The proclamation described in subdivision (1)(B)(i) of this section shall be published ~~one (1) time in a newspaper~~

~~having general circulation within the levying entity under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 490. Arkansas Code § 27-38-203(b)(1), concerning notice of establishment of specifications for automotive fluids regulation, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The director shall give notice of the minimum standards of hydraulic brake fluid adopted by him or her by ~~inserting~~ publishing the notice ~~in some newspaper of general circulation in this state under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 491. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1101(a)(3)(iv), concerning notice of nonconsensual towing of a vehicle, is amended to read as follows:

(iv) If information on the owner or owners of an implement or piece of machinery that is in the possession of a towing and storage company is not available pursuant to ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions ~~(a)(2)(D)-(E)~~ (a)(2)(D) and (E) of this section, the towing and storage company shall provide notice by publication ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the region from where the implement or piece of machinery was removed under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 492. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1208(d)(2)(A), concerning notice of possessory lien to owners and lienholders, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) For the purpose of notices required by this section, if the data records of the Office of Motor Vehicle or the office of motor vehicles for the state where the vehicle is registered, if known, do not contain any information as to the last known registered owner or owners and lienholder or lienholders, notice by publication ~~one (1) time in one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the county where the vehicle was found unattended, abandoned, or improperly parked~~ is sufficient notice ~~under this section under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~

SECTION 493. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1209(f), concerning notice of foreclosure of liens, is amended to read as follows:

(f) In addition to the notice by mail, notice of the sale shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least one (1) time under § 25-1-501 et seq.~~ at least ten (10) days prior to the sale.

SECTION 494. Arkansas Code § 27-64-102(b), concerning notice of intention to file a petition for gates and cattle guards, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Before any order is entered under the provisions of this section, notice shall be given ~~of the intention to file a petition~~ by the landowner of the intention to file a petition by inserting a notice ~~in some newspaper in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least twenty (20) days before hearing is had upon the petition.

SECTION 495. Arkansas Code § 27-64-206(b)(1)(A), concerning notice of election under the Arkansas Highway Financing Act of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) Notice of such election shall be published by the Secretary of State ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least thirty (30) days prior to such election.

SECTION 496. Arkansas Code § 27-64-206(e)(1), concerning notice of election under the Arkansas Highway Financing Act of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1) The result of the election shall be proclaimed by the Governor by the publication of such proclamation ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the State of Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 497. Arkansas Code § 27-64-305(b)(1)(A), concerning notice of election under the Arkansas Interstate Highway Financing Act of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Published by the Secretary of State ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least thirty (30) days prior to the election; and

SECTION 498. Arkansas Code § 27-64-405(a), concerning notice of election under the Arkansas Interstate Highway Financing Act of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

(a) No bonds shall be issued under this act unless the authority of the State Highway Commission to issue such bonds is approved by a majority of

the qualified electors of the state voting on the question at a statewide election called by proclamation of the Governor. Such election may be in conjunction with a general election or it may be a special election. Notice of such election shall be published by the Secretary of State ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least thirty (30) days prior to such election, and notice thereof shall be mailed to each county board of election commissioners and the sheriff of each county at least sixty (60) days prior to such election.

SECTION 499. Arkansas Code § 27-64-405(e), concerning notice of election under the Arkansas Interstate Highway Financing Act of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The result of the election shall be proclaimed by the Governor by the publication of such proclamation ~~one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the State of Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., and the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless a complaint is filed within thirty (30) days after the date of such publication in the Pulaski County Circuit Court challenging such results.

SECTION 500. Arkansas Code § 27-64-505(b)(1)(A), concerning notice of election under the Arkansas Highway Financing Act of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Published by the Secretary of State ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the state~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least thirty (30) days prior to the election; and

SECTION 501. Arkansas Code § 27-65-107(b)(2), concerning the powers and duties of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the State Highway Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The commission shall cause such rules and regulations and any additions or amendments thereto, or repeals thereof, to be placed in printed form and published ~~in a newspaper of statewide circulation once each week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for three (3) consecutive weeks. In addition, the commission shall cause two (2) copies to be mailed immediately to the circuit clerk of each county. One (1) of these copies shall be posted immediately upon receipt thereof by the clerk, at a conspicuous place in or

about the courthouse, and the other copy retained in his or her office for the information of the public. No such rules and regulations or additions or amendments thereto or repeals thereof shall become effective until sixty (60) days after their last publication.

SECTION 502. Arkansas Code § 27-65-111(2)(A), concerning notice of purchase of equipment and supplies for the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) In making purchases of materials, supplies, and equipment, the estimated total cost of which will exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), the commission shall advertise ~~in one (1) newspaper of statewide circulation~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., seven (7) days prior to the date of receiving bids, a notice to the effect that sealed bids will be received by the commission up to a time and date to be mentioned therein for furnishing the articles specified in the bid proposal.

SECTION 503. Arkansas Code § 27-66-401(e)(2), concerning notice of petition for easement for private roads, is amended to read as follows:

(2) If service is not obtained, the notice shall be published ~~one (1) time per week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at the petitioner's expense. ~~If there is no newspaper of general circulation in the county, the notice shall be posted at the county courthouse.~~

SECTION 504. Arkansas Code § 27-66-505(b), concerning notice of prohibition on use of heavily loaded vehicles during emergencies, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Whenever, in the judgment of the county judge, an emergency arises in his or her county, as described in subsection (a) of this section, he or she shall cause notice to be posted in the county courthouse to the effect that until further notice the operation of vehicles having a net load of more than three thousand five hundred pounds (3,500 lbs) over the highways described in the notice is prohibited. Notice shall also be posted in at least ten (10) of the most prominent and public places in the county and be published ~~in a newspaper in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. if practicable. Notice may also be given by mail, telephone, or personal contact

to persons operating vehicles, and notice by mail, telephone, or personal contact shall be sufficient notice for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 505. Arkansas Code § 27-67-311(c), concerning notice of petition for condemnation of property, is amended to read as follows:

(c)~~(1)~~ If the owner of the property sought to be taken is a nonresident of the state, notice shall be by publication ~~in any newspaper in the county which is authorized by law to publish legal notices~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. This notice shall be published for the same length of time as may be required in other civil causes.

~~(2) If there is no such newspaper published in the county, then publication shall be made in a newspaper designated by the circuit clerk, and one (1) written or printed notice thereof posted on the door of the county courthouse.~~

SECTION 506. Arkansas Code § 27-67-322(b)(1), concerning notice of reacquisition of surplus property by former owner, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The owner from whom the property was acquired or his or her heirs, successors, or assigns shall be notified:

(A) In writing at their last known address; or

(B)~~(i)~~ By publication ~~in one (1) newspaper in the county where the property is located one (1) time per week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for three (3) consecutive weeks; ~~or~~

~~(ii) If no newspaper is published in the county, then publication shall be made by posting written or printed notices in a conspicuous location in the county courthouse for three (3) consecutive weeks.~~

SECTION 507. Arkansas Code § 27-86-203(a), concerning notice of hearing and application for private franchises, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon application being made to the county court for the granting of a franchise or privilege as herein provided, the applicant shall give notice ~~by publication in some newspaper in the county or counties where the toll bridge, turnpike, or causeway is situated, having a bona fide~~

~~circulation therein, once a week~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. for two (2) weeks. The notice shall set forth the fact that application has been made for the granting of the franchise or privilege and give the name of the stream to be bridged or the location of the turnpike or causeway, and the date when the petition will be heard by the county court, which notice may be in the following form:

“Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the ... County Court for the privilege of constructing a toll bridge, (turnpike or causeway as the case may be), which bridge, (turnpike or causeway) is located at ... in ... County, which petition will be heard by the county court on the ... day of ..., 20 ..., at the hour of ... , ...M.

.....  
Name of applicant”

SECTION 508. Arkansas Code § 27-88-106 is amended to read as follows:  
27-88-106. Redemption before maturity.

All bonds issued under the provisions of this chapter, maturing on and after ten (10) years from their date, in the discretion of the State Highway Commission, may contain a provision authorizing their redemption before maturity at the option of the commission in a manner as it may elect at par plus accrued interest upon notice published for ~~one (1) insertion~~ not more than sixty (60) days and not later than thirty (30) days before the date of such redemption ~~in a newspaper of general circulation published in Little Rock~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. and in a financial journal published in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

SECTION 509. Arkansas Code § 27-90-208(b), concerning notice of sale of turnpike projects and tolls, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If sold at public sale, the bonds shall be sold on electronic or sealed bids, and notice of the sale shall be published ~~once in a newspaper published in the City of Little Rock and having a general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of sale.

SECTION 510. Arkansas Code § 27-102-105(a), concerning advertisement of property recovered from salvage from waterways, is amended to read as

follows:

(a) Within twenty (20) days after making the affidavit, the taker up shall cause to be ~~inserted in some newspaper printed in this state~~ published under § 25-1-501 et seq. for three (3) weeks successively a correct account of the time and place when and where the property was taken up and the description and valuation thereof. He or she shall also put up three (3) advertisements to the same effect at the most public places in the neighborhood where the property may have been taken up.

SECTION 511. Arkansas Code § 28-1-112(b)(4)(A), concerning notice of general provisions for wills, estates, and fiduciary relationships, is amended to read as follows:

(4)(A) By publishing ~~one (1) time a week~~ for two (2) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper published and having a general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq., with the first day of publication to be at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the hearing.

SECTION 512. Arkansas Code § 28-13-106(d), concerning notice of proceedings for escheat of real property, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The court shall make an order setting forth briefly the contents of the information and requiring all persons interested in the estate to appear and show cause, at the next term of the court, why the estate shall not be vested in the county. The order shall be published for four (4) weeks ~~in a newspaper printed in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 513. Arkansas Code § 28-13-109(c), concerning notice of sale of escheated real estate, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The Commissioner of State Lands shall cause the lands to be sold by the sheriffs of the several counties in which the lands may be situated, at the courthouse door in the county, at public auction for cash, on the first day of the circuit court, but first giving four (4) weeks' notice of the time, place, and terms of the sale and published ~~in a newspaper published in the county. If there is no newspaper therein, then publication shall be by notices posted at six (6) of the most public places in the county~~ four (4) weeks before the day of sale under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 514. Arkansas Code § 28-51-304(a)(2), concerning notice of sales at public auction or real property, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The notice shall be printed ~~one (1) time a week~~ for three (3) consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the county in which the property is situated~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq.

SECTION 515. Arkansas Code § 28-52-106 is amended to read as follows:  
28-52-106. Notice of filing of accounts.

During the first week of each month the clerk shall publish ~~in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the county~~ under § 25-1-501 et seq. a notice of estates in which accounts have been filed by personal representatives during the preceding month, listing in alphabetical order the names of the estates, with the names of the personal representatives thereof and the respective dates of the filing of the accounts, and calling on interested persons to file objections to the accounts on or before the sixtieth day following the filing of the respective accounts, failing which the persons will be barred forever from excepting to the account.

SECTION 516. DO NOT CODIFY. Sections 76, 77, 145, 146, 150, 151, 152, 153, 155, 220, 241, 258, 288, 311, 313, 337, 353, 354, 475-484, 488, 489, and 496 of this act shall become effective only if House Joint Resolution 1008 of the Regular Session of the Ninetieth General Assembly, which concerns allowing the General Assembly to determine the manner of publishing notices, is approved by the vote of the people at the next general election, and if this condition is met, they shall be effective on and after the date that House Joint Resolution 1008 of the Regular Session of the Ninetieth General Assembly becomes effective.