

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4094

By: Norwood

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to newspapers and public notices; exempting governmental entities from liability if they comply with statutory publication requirements and deadlines but the newspaper fails to correctly publish notice; permitting good faith electronic publication; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 116 of Title 25, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

If the State of Oklahoma or any political subdivision thereof properly submits a legal notice, advertisement, or publication to a newspaper for publishing and such governmental entity has otherwise met all statutory publication requirements and deadlines, it shall not be liable for failing to comply with publication deadlines provided by law or administrative rule in the event that a newspaper fails to correctly publish such legal notice, advertisement, or publication. The electronic publication of such legal notice,

1 advertisement, or publication may be used in conjunction with any
2 publication method the governmental entity determines in good faith
3 is feasible to meet the notice requirements.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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