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Senate Bill 147 (as introduced 3-13-25)  
Sponsor: Senator Sylvia Santana  
Committee: Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety

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## **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to delete a March 1, 2025, sunset on the requirement that the Department of Treasury annually adjust legal notice publishing fees by the United States Consumer Price Index (CPI).**

The Act prescribes the minimum and maximum rates that a newspaper may charge for publishing a legal notice or an order, citation, summons, advertisement, or other matter required by law to be published in a newspaper. Annually until March 1, 2025, the Department of Treasury must adjust the rates by the percentage increase in the CPI for the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest five cents. The bill would delete the March 1, 2025, sunset on this provision.

The statutory publication costs and adjusted amounts are described below:

<b>Publication</b>	<b>Statutory Amount</b>	<b>Adjusted Amount<sup>1</sup></b>
First publication rate per 100 words (folio)	\$20.50	\$30.65
Per folio cost for subsequent publication	8.45	12.70
Minimum cost for notice published once	44.00	65.80
Minimum cost for notice published twice or more	59.00	88.15

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## **PREVIOUS LEGISLATION**

*(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)*

The bill is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 1067 of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 1067 passed the Senate and was referred to the House Committee on Government Operations but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Eleni Lionas

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of Treasury. The Department would have to continue to adjust rates annually according to the CPI. As the Department already performs this work, no additional appropriations would be required.

Fiscal Analyst: Michael Siracuse

<sup>1</sup> "Inflation Adjustments: Legal Notice Newspaper Publication Costs Effective March 1, 2025." Department of Treasury, <https://tinyurl.com/3tshehub> Retrieved 4-4-25.