

# SENATE BILL NO. 147

March 13, 2025, Introduced by Senator SANTANA and referred to Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
by amending section 2534 (MCL 600.2534), as amended by 2017 PA 82.

## **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 2534. (1) For publishing a legal notice or an order,  
2       citation, summons, advertisement, or other matter arising out of  
3       judicial proceedings required by law to be published in a  
4       newspaper, except as provided in subsection (2), the cost must not  
5       exceed the rate of \$20.50 per folio for the first publication and  
6       \$8.45 per folio for each subsequent publication. A minimum cost of

1 \$59.00 is allowed for a notice that must be published 2 times or  
2 more, and a minimum cost of \$44.00 is allowed for a notice that  
3 must be published 1 time.

4 (2) For publications after ~~the effective date of the~~ **October**  
5 **10, 2017, public act that amended this section, the department of  
6 treasury shall adjust the rates described in subsection (1) to  
7 reflect the percentage increase in the United States ~~consumer price~~  
8 ~~index~~ **Consumer Price Index** from March 1, 2008 to June 1, 2017 and,  
9 annually each year ~~from beginning~~ March 1, 2018, ~~to March 1, 2025,~~  
10 shall further adjust the rates by the percentage increase in the  
11 United States ~~consumer price index~~ **Consumer Price Index** for the  
12 preceding calendar year. The result of an adjustment under this  
13 subsection must be rounded to the nearest multiple of 5 cents.**

14 (3) A newspaper that publishes an advertisement for this state  
15 other than a tax list may charge for the advertisement its regular  
16 established commercial rate in effect at the time the advertisement  
17 is published.

18 (4) A newspaper that accepts for publication a legal or public  
19 notice as provided by law shall not charge higher rates or collect  
20 higher rates for political notices or political advertising than it  
21 charges for commercial advertising of the same or similar size.