

## Legal Advertisements/Notices

“Advertisement” means the publication, dissemination, circulation, or placing before the public an announcement or statement in a newspaper, magazine, or other publication in the form of a book, notice, circular, pamphlet, letter, handbill, poster, bill, sign, placard, card, label, or tag, or over radio or television. The term does not include funeral or death notices and obituaries.” (40-19-20)

### General Assembly

*A legislative body, especially a U.S. state legislature.*

### *Legislative Enactments*

#### **A notice of petition of the statement of merits and its affect on others 2-7-440**

In a case other than a charter or incorporation where the proposed legislation will affect the rights of others in this state, that petition must be accompanied by proof that those affected have 60 days notice of the petition before it is presented.

Section	Notice	Where	When
2-7-440	Notice of application	Newspaper having the largest circulation in the county	At least 60 days before the petition is presented; once a week for at least three weeks

Exact wording:

“...and also that notice of the intention of the petitioner or petitioners to make such application has been published in the newspaper having the largest circulation published in the county in which the privilege or immunity is to be enjoyed, once a week for at least three weeks, the first of which publications shall be at least sixty days before such petition is presented.”

#### **Elective office by the (General Assembly) Section 2-20-15**

This is for any office filled by the election of the General Assembly where screening is required except for judicial offices.

Section	Notice	Where	When	
2-20-15	State at large	Notice of the position	Three newspapers of general circulation	At least once a week for four consecutive weeks
2-20-15	Congressional	Notice of the	Three	At least once a

	district, judicial circuit, or other area other area of the State other than the State at large	position	newspapers of general circulation in that district, circuit, or area	week for four consecutive weeks
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Exact wording:

“If the office to be filled is from the State at large, a notice of the position vacancy must be forwarded to three newspapers of general circulation in the State with a request that it be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks. If the office to be filled is from a congressional district, judicial circuit, or other area of this State less than the State at large, a notice of the position vacancy must be forwarded to three newspapers of general circulation in that district, circuit, or area with a request that it be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks.”-Part 1

**Justices and Judges**  
**Section 2-19-20**

When the Judicial Merit Selection Commission determines that a judicial vacancy will occur they will notify the Supreme Court (along with any other professional legal organizations) and each daily newspaper in South Carolina at least 30 days to the closing of the vacancy.

Section	Notice	Where	When
2-19-20	The judicial office in which the vacancy occurs, the address and date where interested candidates must apply	Each newspaper in South Carolina with daily circulation	At least 30 days prior to closing applications for the vacancy

Exact Wording:

“The commission shall [notify]...each newspaper of this State with daily circulation of the vacancy at least thirty days prior to closing applications for the vacancy. This notice must include, but not be limited to, the judicial office in which the vacancy occurs, the address to which, and the date by which interested candidates may apply.”-Part B