



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2095 without my signature.

This bill would require newspapers to ensure that the legal notices they publish also appear on a statewide website.

I applaud the author's attempt to provide an online repository to inform the public of the important matters covered in these legal notices. However, I am concerned that this bill may require the state's small community newspapers to hire additional personnel to upload notices and/or to pay for software tools to manage these uploads. Neither of these are costs that these small businesses, a vital and valuable source of local journalism, can bear. I encourage the Legislature to revisit this issue in subsequent legislation that achieves this bill's objectives, while also addressing the potential financial burden on small community newspapers.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with long, sweeping strokes.

Gavin Newsom

