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House delays bill on newspaper public notices

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PHOENIX (AP) - Legislation that would allow cities and towns to stop publishing public notices in newspapers is slowly moving through the Arizona House of Representatives.

House leaders declined to take a final vote Tuesday on the legislation that would allow cities and towns to post public notices online instead of in paid news

The bill did move forward in committee before House leaders could take a final vote that would have sent it to the Senate for approval.

Republicans and Democrats united to defeat the bill, saying it would hurt local newspapers and make government less transparent.

Proponents say the current law requiring government notices in newspapers amounts to a burden on welfare for print publications.

The newspaper industry opposes the bill.

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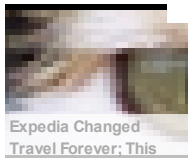
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