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H.B. No. 2898

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the publication of notice in a newspaper in certain
3 counties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 2051.044, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) This section does not apply to the publication of a
8 notice to which Section 2051.0441 applies.

9 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 2051, Government Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 2051.0441 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 2051.0441. TYPE OF NEWSPAPER REQUIRED FOR PUBLICATION
12 IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a notice
13 published in a county with a population of at least 30,000 and not
14 more than 36,000 that borders the Red River by a governmental entity
15 or representative.

16 (b) The newspaper in which a notice is published under this
17 section must:

18 (1) devote not less than 20 percent of its total column
19 lineage to general interest items;

20 (2) be published at least once each week;

21 (3) be entered as second-class postal matter in the
22 county where published or have a mailed or delivered circulation of
23 at least 51 percent of the residences in the county where published;

24 and

1 (4) have been published regularly and continuously for
2 at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative
3 publishes notice.

4 (c) A weekly newspaper has been published regularly and
5 continuously under Subsection (b) if the newspaper omits not more
6 than two issues in the 12-month period.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.