

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) be published at least once each week;

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

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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2898 was passed by the House on May 8, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2898 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor