

1-1 By: Madla S.B. No. 750  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2003; March 3, 2003,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 March 26, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1; March 26, 2003,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 750 By: Armbrister

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the requirement that governmental public notices be  
1-11 published in Spanish-language newspapers.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 5, Government Code, is amended  
1-14 by adding Chapter 560 to read as follows:

1-15 CHAPTER 560. PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN SPANISH-LANGUAGE  
1-16 NEWSPAPER

1-17 Sec. 560.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-18 (1) "Public notice" means any notice that must be  
1-19 published in a newspaper under Chapter 4, Election Code, or other  
1-20 law by:

1-21 (A) a state agency or a state officer or  
1-22 employee; or

1-23 (B) a political subdivision of this state or an  
1-24 officer or employee of a political subdivision.

1-25 (2) "Spanish-language newspaper" means a newspaper  
1-26 that is printed in Spanish.

1-27 Sec. 560.002. PUBLICATION IN SPANISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER BY  
1-28 STATE AGENCY OR OFFICER. A state agency or a state officer or  
1-29 employee with responsibility for publishing a public notice shall  
1-30 publish the notice in Spanish in a Spanish-language newspaper of  
1-31 general circulation in each county in which:

1-32 (1) the agency, officer, or employee is required to  
1-33 publish the public notice;

1-34 (2) more than 50 percent of the population is of  
1-35 Hispanic origin; and

1-36 (3) there is a Spanish-language newspaper of general  
1-37 circulation.

1-38 Sec. 560.003. PUBLICATION IN SPANISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER BY  
1-39 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. (a) This section applies only to:

1-40 (1) a political subdivision, other than a county, any  
1-41 portion of which is located in a county in which more than 50  
1-42 percent of the population is of Hispanic origin; or

1-43 (2) a county in which more than 50 percent of the  
1-44 population is of Hispanic origin.

1-45 (b) A political subdivision or an officer or employee of a  
1-46 political subdivision with responsibility for publishing a public  
1-47 notice shall publish the notice in Spanish in a Spanish-language  
1-48 newspaper of general circulation in each county in which:

1-49 (1) the political subdivision is located; and

1-50 (2) there is a Spanish-language newspaper of general  
1-51 circulation.

1-52 Sec. 560.004. NOTICE IN ADDITION TO NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER  
1-53 OTHER LAW. Notice published under this chapter is in addition to  
1-54 notice required by other law.

1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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