

AN ACT

relating to the type of newspaper required for publication of notice in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2051.0441(a) and (b), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to a notice published by a governmental entity or representative in a county:

(1) with a population of at least 30,000 and not more than 36,000 that borders the Red River; or

(2) that does not have a newspaper described by Section 2051.044 published in the county [~~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 periodical [~~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

(4) have been published regularly and continuously for at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative

1 publishes notice.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1812 was passed by the House on April 27, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1812 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor