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H.B. No. 1812

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the type of newspaper required for publication of
3 notice in certain counties.

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

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

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

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

11 (2) county that does not publish a newspaper described
12 by Section 2051.044 [~~by a governmental entity or representative~~].

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

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

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

18 (3) be entered as periodical [~~second-class~~] postal
19 matter in the county where published or have a mailed or delivered
20 circulation of at least 51 percent of the residences in the county
21 where published; and

22 (4) have been published regularly and continuously for
23 at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative
24 publishes notice.

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