

1-1 By: Phillips (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 1812
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2011;
1-3 May 4, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 19, 2011, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 19, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the type of newspaper required for publication of
1-9 notice in certain counties.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Sections 2051.0441(a) and (b), Government Code,
1-12 are amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) This section applies only to a notice published by a
1-14 governmental entity or representative in a county:

1-15 (1) with a population of at least 30,000 and not more
1-16 than 36,000 that borders the Red River; or

1-17 (2) that does not have a newspaper described by
1-18 Section 2051.044 published in the county [~~by a governmental entity~~
1-19 ~~or representative~~].

1-20 (b) The newspaper in which a notice is published under this
1-21 section must:

1-22 (1) devote not less than 20 percent of its total column
1-23 lineage to general interest items;

1-24 (2) be published at least once each week;

1-25 (3) be entered as periodical [~~second-class~~] postal
1-26 matter in the county where published or have a mailed or delivered
1-27 circulation of at least 51 percent of the residences in the county
1-28 where published; and

1-29 (4) have been published regularly and continuously for
1-30 at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative
1-31 publishes notice.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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