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By:  Nevárez H.B. No. 3759

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3759:

By:  Cole C.S.H.B. No. 3759

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the type of newspaper required for publication of notice.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 2051.044(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  The newspaper in which a notice is published must:

(1)  devote not less than 25 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 to 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 publishes notice.

SECTION 2.  Section 2051.0441(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(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 postal matter in the county where published or have a mailed or delivered circulation to [~~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 publishes notice.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.