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

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the type of newspaper required for publication of

3 notice.

- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 2051.044(a), Government Code, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (a) The newspaper in which a notice is published must:
- 8 (1) devote not less than 25 percent of its total column
- 9 lineage to general interest items;
- 10 (2) be published at least once each week;
- 11 (3) be entered as second-class postal matter in the
- 12 county where published or have a mailed or delivered circulation to
- 13 <u>residences in the county where published;</u> and
- 14 (4) have been published regularly and continuously for
- 15 at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative
- 16 publishes notice.
- SECTION 2. Section 2051.0441(b), Government Code, is
- 18 amended to read as follows:
- 19 (b) The newspaper in which a notice is published under this
- 20 section must:
- 21 (1) devote not less than 20 percent of its total column
- 22 lineage to general interest items;
- 23 (2) be published at least once each week;
- 24 (3) be entered as periodical postal matter in the

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- 1 county where published or have a mailed or delivered circulation to
- 2 [of at least 51 percent of the] residences in the county where
- 3 published; and
- 4 (4) have been published regularly and continuously for
- 5 at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative
- 6 publishes notice.
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 11 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.