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H.B. No. 3117

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the type of newspaper required for the publication of
3 notices by governmental entities or representatives in certain
4 counties.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2051.0441(b), Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

13 (3) meet one of the following requirements:

14 (A) be entered as periodical postal matter in the
15 county where published;

16 (B) [~~or~~] have a mailed or delivered circulation
17 of at least 51 percent of the residences in the county where
18 published; or

19 (C) for notices by a governmental entity or
20 representative of the county or a political subdivision located in
21 the county, be published in the county and designated by, as
22 applicable, commissioners court order or official action of the
23 governing body of the political subdivision as the newspaper for
24 publication of notices; and

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

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.