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S.B. No. 1062

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the type of newspaper required for publication of
3 public notices.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2051.044, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), the ~~[The]~~
9 newspaper in which a notice is published must:

10 (1) devote not less than 25 percent of its total column
11 lineage to general interest items;

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

13 (3) be entered as second-class postal matter in the
14 county where published; and

15 (4) have been published regularly and continuously for
16 at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative
17 publishes notice.

18 (a-1) In lieu of publishing a notice in a newspaper under
19 Subsection (a), a governmental entity may publish a notice in a
20 digital newspaper if that digital newspaper:

21 (1) has an audited paid-subscriber base;

22 (2) has been in business for at least three years;

23 (3) employs staff in the jurisdiction of the
24 governmental entity;

1 (4) reports on local events and governmental
2 activities in the jurisdiction of the governmental entity;

3 (5) provides news of general interest to people in the
4 jurisdiction of the governmental entity; and

5 (6) updates its news at least once each week.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.