

AN ACT

relating to the publication of notice in a newspaper in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2051.044, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) This section does not apply to the publication of a notice to which Section 2051.0441 applies.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 2051, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2051.0441 to read as follows:

Sec. 2051.0441. TYPE OF NEWSPAPER REQUIRED FOR PUBLICATION IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a notice published in a county with a population of at least 30,000 and not more than 36,000 that borders the Red River by a governmental entity or representative.

(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 second-class postal matter in the county where published or have a mailed or delivered circulation of at least 51 percent of the residences in the county where published;

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 (c) A weekly newspaper has been published regularly and
5 continuously under Subsection (b) if the newspaper omits not more
6 than two issues in the 12-month period.

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, 2003.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Cullum

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2898 was passed by the House on May 8, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2898 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

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RICK PERRY

Governor

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