

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 1062  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 3, 2025; February 24, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government;  
1-4 March 24, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 24, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Bettencourt	X			
1-10	Middleton	X			
1-11	Cook	X			
1-12	Gutierrez	X			
1-13	Nichols	X			
1-14	Paxton	X			
1-15	West	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1062 By: Paxton

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the type of newspaper required for publication of  
1-20 public notices.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section [2051.0441](#), Government Code, is amended  
1-23 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as  
1-24 follows:

1-25 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), the [The]  
1-26 newspaper in which a notice is published under this section must:

1-27 (1) devote not less than 20 percent of its total column  
1-28 lineage to general interest items;

1-29 (2) be published at least once each week;

1-30 (3) be entered as periodical postal matter in the  
1-31 county where published or have a mailed or delivered circulation of  
1-32 at least 51 percent of the residences in the county where published;  
1-33 and

1-34 (4) have been published regularly and continuously for  
1-35 at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative  
1-36 publishes notice.

1-37 (b-1) In lieu of publishing a notice in a newspaper under  
1-38 Subsection (b), a governmental entity may publish a notice in a  
1-39 digital newspaper if that digital newspaper:

1-40 (1) has an audited paid-subscriber base;

1-41 (2) has been in business for at least three years;

1-42 (3) employs staff in the jurisdiction of the  
1-43 governmental entity;

1-44 (4) reports on local events and governmental  
1-45 activities in the jurisdiction of the governmental entity;

1-46 (5) provides news of general interest to people in the  
1-47 jurisdiction of the governmental entity; and

1-48 (6) updates its news at least once each week.

1-49 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-51 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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