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DIGEST

Murray (SB 751)

Present law provides that in Orleans Parish, advertisements required to be made in relation to judicial proceedings, or in the sale of property under judicial process, or in any other legal proceedings of whatever kind, the advertisement shall be inserted in a daily newspaper published in an office physically located in the parish of Orleans, published in the English language, and which has been published as a daily paper for at least five years prior to the insertion of the advertisement or publication.

Proposed law retains present law but also authorizes the advertisement to be in a weekly news publication.

Present law requires the newspaper to meet requirements of a defined newspaper and to have a periodical permit from the U.S. Post Office in Orleans Parish for a period of five years preceding its selection to publish legal advertisements and legal notices.

Proposed law requires a weekly news publication to have maintained a total circulation of at least 25,000 in the parishes of Orleans and all immediately adjacent parishes for at least eight consecutive years immediately prior to being selected and requires the total circulation of the weekly news publication be proved not less than annually by a nationally recognized news publication auditing firm prior to the selection of the publication.

Proposed law requires the audit to reflect the circulation of the news publication by parish and the most recent audit shall be submitted as an attachment to any proposal by a news publication to publish judicial advertisements and legal notices in Orleans Parish.

Proposed law requires there be an annual public bid to select the newspaper or publication for certain judicial advertisements.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 43:202(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill.

1. Requires there be an annual public bid to select the newspaper or publication for certain judicial advertisements.