
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires parish and municipal governing authorities and school boards to publish their official proceedings and public notices by contract and increases the maximum rates based on price per character.

Present law authorizes parishes, municipalities, and school boards to publish their official proceedings and public notices by contract. Provides that payment may be made monthly or quarterly.

Proposed law requires parishes, municipalities, and school boards to publish their official proceedings and public notices by contract. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides for maximum rates based on price per character, unless parties agree to a higher rate. Provides that "character" does not include spaces, letting, or kerning. Provides that the maximum rate is two cents per character if the parish has a municipality with a population of more than 100,000 and one and one-half cents per character if the parish does not have a municipality with a population of more than 100,000.

Proposed law increases the maximum rates based on price per character. Provides that the maximum rate is three cents per character in all parishes. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 43:147.1(A) and (B)(1) and(2))