

Proposed law retains present law but specifies that this requirement only applies to newspapers.

Present law provides that the newspaper selected shall be known as the official journal of the parish, town, city or school board, and it shall publish all minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets and other official proceedings of the police jury, town or city councils, or the school board.

Proposed law retains present law but adds websites as qualifying official journals.

Present law provides that an official journal that publishes official proceedings and public notices shall, within 30 days after such a publication, submit a bill for the publication with a copy of the original published proceeding or notice and a verified statement that does both of the following:

- (1) States the rate charged to the political subdivision for the publication.
- (2) Certifies the number and dates of publication.

Proposed law retains present law but adds newspapers.

Present law provides that the official of any municipal corporation, police jury, or school board by law responsible for the preparing and recording of the official proceedings who, within 20 days from the date of any meeting at which the official proceedings were had, wilfully neglects or fails to furnish the official journal with a copy of the minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and proceedings for publication, shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or be imprisoned for not less than 10 days nor more than six months, or both.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the person identified, in accordance with present law (R.S. 43:140(6)(g)), as responsible for publishing of the official proceedings of any municipal corporation, police jury, or school board, who, within 20 days from receipt of any request to publish official proceedings, willfully neglects or fails to publish a copy of the minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and proceedings on the governing body's website, shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or be imprisoned for not less than 10 days nor more than six months, or both.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any provision of proposed law, a levee, drainage, subdrainage, road, subroad, navigation, and sewerage districts, or other political subdivisions of state and parishes, may designate a website as defined in present law (R.S. 43:140(6)) as its official journal, in the same manner and under the same provisions as required by present law (R.S. 43:141, et seq).

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

(Amends R.S. 43:141(A), 141.1, 143, 143.1(B)(1), and 144; adds R.S. 43:140(6) and 171(D))