

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 481

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

PUBLIC PRINTING: Provides for the cost of publishing official proceedings and public notices

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 43:147.1(A) and (B)(1) and (2), relative to official journals of  
3 parishes, municipalities, and school boards; to provide relative to the publication of  
4 public notices and proceedings; to require parish and municipal governing authorities  
5 and school boards to publish their official proceedings and public notices by  
6 contract; to provide with respect to compensation for printing; and to provide for  
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 43:147.1(A) and (B)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted  
10 to read as follows:

11 §147.1. Compensation for printing; per character

12 A. The parish and municipal governing authorities and school boards of this  
13 state ~~may~~ shall have their official proceedings and public notices published by  
14 contract, compensation for which shall not exceed the amounts provided by this  
15 Section unless agreed to by both parties in writing. Payment may be made monthly  
16 or quarterly at the option of the governing authority or school board.

17 B.(1) In all parishes that do not contain a city with a population of more than  
18 one hundred thousand, the cost of publishing official proceedings and public notices  
19 shall not exceed the rate of ~~one and one-half~~ three cents per character. When the  
20 insertion contains material to be set in tabular form or is submitted prebuilt, the rate

1 will be computed at two dollars seventy-six cents per square inch based on six-point  
2 type and six-point font. If the notice is set in larger type or font, the rate shall be  
3 prorated. Regardless of the size of type the notice is set in, the rates specified in this  
4 Paragraph are based on a printable space of one-inch-high and one-inch-wide  
5 column. If the page width is either wider or narrower for a single column, the rate  
6 per column shall be prorated.

7 (2) In all parishes that contain a city with a population of more than one  
8 hundred thousand, the cost of publishing official proceedings and public notices shall  
9 not exceed the rate of ~~two~~ three cents per character. When the insertion contains  
10 material to be set in tabular form or is submitted prebuilt, the rate will be computed  
11 at three dollars ninety-six cents per square inch based on six-point type and six-point  
12 font. If the notice is set in larger type or font, the rate shall be prorated. Regardless  
13 of the size of type the notice is set in, the rates specified in this Paragraph are based  
14 on a printable space of one-inch-high and one-inch-wide column. If the page width  
15 is either wider or narrower for a single column, the rate per column shall be prorated.

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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))