

SENATE FILE 312  
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the number of official newspapers in certain  
2 counties and the cost of publication.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 349.3, subsection 1, Code 2001, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. In counties having a population of less than fifteen  
4 twenty thousand, two ~~such~~ official newspapers, or one, if  
5 there be but one published therein in a county.

6 Sec. 2. Section 618.11, Code 2001, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 618.11 FEES FOR PUBLICATION.

9 The compensation, when not otherwise fixed, for the  
10 publication in a newspaper of any notice, order, citation, or  
11 other publication required or allowed by law shall be at a  
12 rate of thirty-four cents for one insertion and twenty-three  
13 cents for each subsequent insertion for each line of eight  
14 point type two inches in length, or its equivalent. Beginning  
15 June 1, 2001, and each June 1 thereafter, the state printing  
16 administrator shall calculate a new rate for the following  
17 fiscal year as prescribed in this section, and shall publish  
18 this rate as a notice in the Iowa administrative bulletin  
19 prior to the first day of the following calendar month. The  
20 new rate shall be effective on the first day of the calendar  
21 month following its publication. The rate shall be calculated  
22 by applying the percentage change in the consumer price index  
23 for all urban consumers for the last available twelve-month  
24 period published in the federal register by the federal  
25 department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, to the  
26 existing rate as an increase or decrease in the rate rounded  
27 to the nearest one-tenth of a cent. The rate shall  
28 differentiate between data provided to a newspaper  
29 electronically and data not provided electronically. The  
30 calculation and publication of the rate by the state printing  
31 administrator shall be exempt from the provisions of chapters  
32 17A and 25B.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill provides that in counties with a population of  
35 less than 20,000, two official newspapers shall be selected.

1 However, if only one newspaper is published in the county, one  
2 official newspaper is sufficient. Currently, in counties with  
3 populations between 15,000 and 20,000, three newspapers are  
4 required unless the county is divided into two districts for  
5 court purposes. If two court districts are present, two  
6 official newspapers are required in each court district.

7 The bill also provides that when determining the  
8 publication rate for official notices, orders, citations, or  
9 other publication required or allowed by law, the state  
10 printing administrator shall provide that the publication rate  
11 differentiate between data provided to a newspaper  
12 electronically and data not provided electronically.

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