

RS 43:141

§141. Official journal to be selected by police juries, city and parish councils, municipal corporations, and school boards

A. The police juries, city and parish councils, municipal corporations, and school boards in all the parishes, the parish of Orleans excepted, at their first meeting in June of each year, shall select a newspaper as official journal for their respective parishes, towns, or cities for a term of one year.

B. In any parish which is divided by the Mississippi River and has a population of not less than one hundred thousand the governing body shall have the authority to select two official journals for their respective parishes, one of which shall be located on one bank of the river and the other which shall be located on the opposite bank thereof and no act heretofore performed shall be considered invalid because of any such parish having heretofore designated two such official journals.

Amended by Acts 1958, No. 515, §1; Acts 1986, No. 378, §1, eff. July 2, 1986.

RS 43:142

§142. Qualifications of newspaper

A. The newspaper:

(1) Shall have been published in an office physically located in the parish in which the body is located for a period of five years preceding the selection.

(2) Shall not have missed during that period as many as three consecutive issues unless caused by fire, flood, strike, or natural disaster.

(3) Shall have maintained a general paid circulation in the parish in which the body is located for five consecutive years prior to the selection.

(4) Shall have been entered in a U.S. post office in that parish under a periodical permit in that parish for a period of five consecutive years prior to the selection.

B. The provisions of this Section relating to the five-year requirement shall not contravene any contract existing between any governing body and a newspaper on and prior to May 11, 1970; nor shall the five-year requirement herein be applied in assessing the qualifications of a newspaper which was in existence on May 11, 1970; nor shall any provision of this Chapter prohibit a publication from becoming an official journal in Jefferson Parish if the publication is qualified to publish judicial advertisements and legal notices in Jefferson or Orleans Parish or has actually published official proceedings within one year prior to June 1, 1986, of any municipal corporation, parish council, police jury, or school board within Jefferson Parish.

Amended by Acts 1950, No. 289, §1; Acts 1952, No. 276, §1; Acts 1970, No. 111, §1; Acts 1986, No. 378, §1, eff. July 2, 1986; Acts 1997, No. 422, §1; Acts 2011, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 36, §1; Acts 2014, No. 197, §1, eff. May 22, 2014.

NOTE: See also R.S. 43:140(3) regarding definition of newspaper.

RS 43:143

§143. Newspaper selected to be known as official journal; duties

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.

RS 43:144

§144. Penalty for failure to have proceedings published

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 twenty 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 twenty-five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than six months, or both.

Acts 2010, No. 251, §1.

RS 43:145

§145. Municipalities to select newspaper located within their boundaries

Municipal corporations shall select an official journal published in an office physically located within their municipal boundaries if a newspaper as defined in R.S. 43:140(3) is published therein. If no qualified newspaper is published within the municipal boundaries, a newspaper published in the parish of the municipal corporation which meets the requirements of a newspaper as defined in R.S. 43:140(3) shall be selected.

Acts 1986, No. 378, §1, eff. July 2, 1986.

RS 43:146

§146. Designation of other newspaper when no newspaper published in the parish

Where there is no newspaper published in an office physically located within the parish which meets the requirements of R.S. 43:140(3), a newspaper in an adjoining parish may be designated as the official journal.

Acts 1986, No. 378, §1, eff. July 2, 1986.

RS 43:147

§147. Compensation for printing

A. The police juries, municipal corporations, and school boards throughout the state, may, at their option, have their official proceedings published by contract, which contract may not provide for a cost in excess of the maximum amounts hereinafter provided for. Payment may be made monthly or quarterly at the option of the police jury, municipal corporation, or school board, unless otherwise provided in any contract entered into for the publication of official proceedings.

B. When the publication of proceedings is not done by contract providing for a lesser amount, the cost of advertisement in all parishes which do not contain a city of over one hundred thousand population shall not exceed the rate of six dollars per square of one hundred words or a fraction thereof. When the insertion contains material to be set in tabular form, the tabulated matter shall be computed on the basis of the number of words of straight matter which would occupy identical space.

C. The agate line shall be the unit of basis of measurement and charges for all official proceedings published in parishes containing a city of more than one hundred thousand, but less than three hundred thousand population. When the publication of the proceedings is not done by contract providing for a lesser amount, the printing shall be let at not over thirty-three cents per agate line of space occupied by each insertion.

D. The agate line shall be the unit or basis of measurement and charge for all official proceedings published in parishes containing a city of more than three hundred thousand population. When the publication of the proceedings is not done by contract providing for a lesser amount, the printing shall be let at not over thirty-seven cents per agate line of space occupied by each insertion.

Amended by Acts 1962, No. 138, §1; Acts 1972, No. 89, §1; Acts 1976, No. 485, §1; Acts 1980, No. 317, §1, eff. June 1, 1981; Acts 1999, No. 501, §2, eff. June 28, 1999.

RS 43:148

§148. Bids may be required

In printing what is generally designated as job work, or commercial printing, bids may be required for any work exceeding twenty-five dollars, and the contract shall then be awarded to the lowest bidder.

RS 43:149

§149. Vacancy; how filled

In case of vacancy the governing body shall select an official journal for the unexpired term.