

HB 3431 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure changes the meaning of news publication for the purpose of making a public notice to be circulated in print or digital format, to conduct local news coverage where 25 percent of total news is locally and originally composed, published in English for dissemination to local, transmitted, or legal news, and regularly published at least once a week over a period of 12 months. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The availability of a notice that is published digitally
- supporting printed media

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment requires that If a public notice is published in a digital format the publisher must Identify an editorial contact with mailing address, have a public notice that is available to the public free of charge, is registered with or authorized by the Secretary of State to transact business in this state, and Adheres to a journalistic code of ethics.

BACKGROUND:

Public notices are important tools used to inform individuals or entities about government actions or proceedings that could affect them through dissemination over a large area by a media source. There are requirements for how a public notice is posted and what media source is required for posting to ensure the message is reasonably available for someone affected to have a chance to see or hear it.