State of Misconsin



2025 Senate Bill 440

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2025 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT to repeal 35.35 (1) (a); to renumber 35.35 (1) (b); to amend 13.92 (1) (b) 3. a., 35.17 (1) and 985.08 (2) (a) of the statutes; relating to: newspaper publication and typeface for certain legal notices.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 13.92 (1) (b) 3. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

13.92 (1) (b) 3. a. Promptly after the passage of any bill, any joint resolution amending the constitution, or any other resolution determined by the chief clerks to require enrollment and, in the case of a bill, before it is presented to the governor for approval, the chief clerk of the house in which the measure originated shall deliver the jacket to the bureau, which shall enroll the proposal and return the jacket and the required number of copies, including a camera ready copy of any proposed constitutional amendment and each resolution requiring newspaper publication, to the chief clerk. The camera ready original of the enrolled proposal shall be retained in the bureau.

SECTION 2. 35.17 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

35.17 (1) In enrolling under s. 13.92 (1) (b) 3. and for publishing under ss. 35.095, and 35.15, and 35.35 (1) (a), the legislative reference bureau shall correct minor clerical errors. No such correction shall be deemed an alteration of the enrolled copy.

SECTION 3. 35.35 (1) (a) of the statutes is repealed. SECTION 4. 35.35 (1) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 35.35 (1).

SECTION 5. 985.08 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

985.08 (2) (a) All legal notices shall be in Arial type face a sans serif typeface. A standard line shall be a 6point Arial sans serif typeface on a 6-point leading without spacing between the lines; and 11 picas in length. One inch equals 6 postscript pica and 72 postscript points. Nonstandard line lengths shall be allowed with adjustments in fees according to variations in line length. When the person or agency that places the notice elects not to use a 6-point Arial sans serif typeface, a larger Arial sans serif typeface up to 12 point may be used; in which case adjustment shall be made in line rate, proportionately decreasing for sizes of type over 6point to produce the same net average compensation per column area. Such adjustments shall be evaluated by the department of administration, which shall certify the same to any newspaper, public official, or other interested party upon request, and such certification shall be presumptive evidence of the correct adjustments.

^{*} Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."