



## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 257

April 10, 2007 - Introduced by Representatives HUBLER, BOYLE, HILGENBERG, HAHN, BERCEAU, MUSSER, POPE-ROBERTS, KREUSER and HRAYCHUCK, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE and KREITLOW. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 985.04 of the statutes; **relating to:** requirements for selection  
2             as the official state newspaper.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization must recommend to the legislature, in the form of a joint resolution, a Wisconsin newspaper to be the official state newspaper. Upon passage of the joint resolution by both houses of the legislature, the newspaper becomes the official state newspaper. This bill requires the official state newspaper to be available for sale in printed form in every county in the state.

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

3             **SECTION 1.** 985.04 of the statutes is amended to read:  
4             **985.04 Official state newspaper.** The joint committee on legislative  
5             organization shall recommend to the legislature to designate some newspaper  
6             published in Wisconsin and available for sale in printed form in every county in the  
7             state to be the official state newspaper, which shall publish all legal notices required

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1 to be published therein. Any such publication from any of the state agencies shall  
2 be deemed official. The joint committee may invite bids from all newspapers which  
3 meet the requirements of s. 985.03, but if it does so, it is not required to recommend  
4 the lowest bidder as the official state newspaper. The joint committee shall introduce  
5 its recommendation in the legislature in the form of a joint resolution. No  
6 designation takes effect until the joint resolution is adopted. A newspaper which is  
7 designated the official state newspaper shall continue as such until the legislature  
8 designates another newspaper to be the official state newspaper.

9 (END)