



State of Wisconsin
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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 112

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 985.01 (1m); *to amend* 985.01 (3r) and 985.12
2 (1); and *to create* 985.01 (1m) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** eligibility of
3 Washington Island Observer newspaper to receive compensation for
4 publication of legal notices and the content of affidavits of printing filed as
5 evidence of publication.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

6 **SECTION 1m.** 985.01 (1m) of the statutes is renumbered 985.01 (1m) (a) and
7 amended to read:
8 985.01 (**1m**) (a) ~~“Insertion,”~~ Except as provided in par. (b), “insertion,” when
9 used to indicate the publication of a legal notice more than one time, means once each
10 week for consecutive weeks, the last of which shall be at least one week before the
11 act or event, unless otherwise specified by law.

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1 **SECTION 1n.** 985.01 (1m) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

2 985.01 (1m) (b) With respect to a newspaper published in the town of
3 Washington, Door County, at least 2 times a month, “insertion,” when used to
4 indicate the publication of a legal notice more than one time, means once in each
5 issue of consecutive issues published at intervals of at least one week, the last issue
6 of which shall be published at least one week before the act or event, unless otherwise
7 specified by law.

8 **SECTION 1s.** 985.01 (3r) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 985.01 (3r) “Newspaper” means a publication that is published at regular
10 intervals and, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, at least once a week,
11 containing, on average, 25 percent news content per issue, including reports of
12 happenings of recent occurrence of a varied character, such as political, social, moral
13 and religious subjects, designed to inform the general reader. “Newspaper” includes
14 a daily newspaper published in a county having a population of 750,000 or more,
15 devoted principally to business news and publishing of records, which has been
16 designated by the courts of record of the county for publication of legal notices for a
17 period of 6 months or more. “Newspaper” also includes a newspaper published in the
18 town of Washington, Door County, at least 2 times a month.

19 **SECTION 2.** 985.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 985.12 (1) AFFIDAVIT OF PRINTING. The affidavit of the editor, publisher, printer
21 or proprietor of any newspaper, or of his or her foreman or principal clerk, of the
22 publication of any legal notice, annexed to a copy of the notice clipped from the
23 newspaper in either hard copy or electronic format, and specifying the date of each

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1 insertion, and the paper in which it was published, shall be received in all cases as
2 presumptive evidence of the publication and of the facts stated therein.

3 (END)