

State of Wisconsin



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2019 WISCONSIN ACT 32

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

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

SECTION 1m. 985.01 (1m) of the statutes is renumbered 985.01 (1m) (a) and amended to read:

985.01 (1m) (a) “Insertion,” Except as provided in par. (b), “insertion,” when used to indicate the publication of a legal notice more than one time, means once each week for consecutive weeks, the last of which shall be at least one week before the act or event, unless otherwise specified by law.

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

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

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

985.01 (3r) “Newspaper” means a publication that is published at regular intervals and, except as otherwise

provided in this subsection, at least once a week, containing, on average, 25 percent news content per issue, including reports of happenings of recent occurrence of a varied character, such as political, social, moral and religious subjects, designed to inform the general reader. “Newspaper” includes a daily newspaper published in a county having a population of 750,000 or more, devoted principally to business news and publishing of records, which has been designated by the courts of record of the county for publication of legal notices for a period of 6 months or more. “Newspaper” also includes a newspaper published in the town of Washington, Door County, at least 2 times a month.

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

985.12 (1) **AFFIDAVIT OF PRINTING.** The affidavit of the editor, publisher, printer or proprietor of any newspaper, or of his or her foreman or principal clerk, of the publication of any legal notice, annexed to a copy of the notice clipped from the newspaper in either hard copy or electronic format, and specifying the date of each insertion, and the paper in which it was published, shall be received in all cases as presumptive evidence of the publication and of the facts stated therein.

* 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.”