

**618.3 Requirements for newspaper for official publication.**

For the purpose of establishing and giving assured circulation to all notices and reports of proceedings required by statute to be published within the state, if newspapers are required to be used, only a newspaper which meets all of the following requirements shall be designated for official publication purposes:

1. Is a newspaper of general circulation that has been published at least once a week for at least fifty weeks per year within the area and regularly mailed through the post office of entry for at least two years.
2. Has a list of subscribers who have paid, or promised to pay, at more than a nominal rate, for copies to be received during a stated period.
3. Devotes at least twenty-five percent of its total column space in more than one-half of its issues during any twelve-month period to information of a public character other than advertising.
4. Is paid for by at least fifty percent of the persons or subscribers to whom it is distributed.

[C35, §11099-e1; C39, §**11099.1**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §618.3]

[86 Acts, ch 1183, §4](#); [2003 Acts, ch 76, §1](#)

Referred to in [§10.9, 49.53, 618.14](#)

For future amendment to this section, effective July 1, 2025, see 2024 Acts, ch 1019, §2, 9