

**House File 877 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 247)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to proofs of publication of public notices.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 618.11, Code 2025, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **618.11 Fees for publication and proof of publication.**

4 1. a. The compensation, when not otherwise fixed, for the  
5 publication in a newspaper of any notice, order, citation, or  
6 other publication required or allowed by law shall be at a  
7 rate of thirty-four cents for one insertion and twenty-three  
8 cents for each subsequent insertion for each line of eight  
9 point type two inches in length, or its equivalent. Beginning  
10 June 1, 2001, and each June 1 thereafter, the director of the  
11 department of administrative services shall calculate a new rate  
12 for the following fiscal year as prescribed in this subsection  
13 paragraph, and shall publish this rate as a notice in the Iowa  
14 administrative bulletin prior to the first day of the following  
15 calendar month. The new rate shall be effective on the first day  
16 of the calendar month following its publication. The rate shall  
17 be calculated by applying the percentage change in the consumer  
18 price index for all urban consumers for the last available  
19 twelve-month period published in the federal register by the  
20 federal department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, to the  
21 existing rate as an increase or decrease in the rate rounded to  
22 the nearest one-tenth of a cent. The calculation and publication  
23 of the rate by the director of the department of administrative  
24 services shall be exempt from the provisions of chapters 17A and  
25 25B.

26 b. Except as otherwise required, "proof of publication"  
27 means a document that includes the published document, date of  
28 publication, and the name of the newspaper of publication or a  
29 statement that the document was posted on the statewide public  
30 notice internet site as provided in section 618.8.

31 2. A newspaper shall not charge a fee to a government body,  
32 as defined in section 22.1, for proof of publication of a public  
33 notice. A newspaper may charge a fee, not to exceed the actual  
34 costs of preparation, for a proof of publication that includes  
35 additional elements, including a notarized affidavit requested by

1 a government body, as defined in section 22.1.

2 3. A proof of publication shall constitute an admissible  
3 writing or record as provided in section 622.28.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill relates to proofs of publication of public notices.  
8 The bill defines "proof of publication" as a document that  
9 includes the published document, date of publication, and the  
10 name of the newspaper of publication or a statement that the  
11 document was posted on the statewide public notice internet site,  
12 as applicable. The bill allows a newspaper to charge a fee,  
13 not to exceed the actual costs of preparation, for a proof  
14 of publication that includes additional elements, including a  
15 notarized affidavit requested by a government body. The bill  
16 categorizes a proof of publication as an admissible writing or  
17 record under the rules of evidence.