

HOUSE BILL NO. 1226

Introduced by

Representatives Froelich, Lemieux, Renner, Solberg

Senator Bowman

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 46-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to newspapers qualified to do legal printing.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 46-05-01 of the 1997 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **46-05-01. Newspapers qualified to do legal printing - File copies with historical**
7 **society - Publishing notices in adjoining county.**

8 1. Before any newspaper in this state is qualified to publish any legal notice or any
9 matter required by law to be printed or published in some newspaper in the state,
10 or any public notice for any political subdivision within this state, the newspaper
11 must:

12 ~~4.~~ a. Have been established in a regular and continuous circulation of at least one
13 year, with a bona fide subscription list of at least one hundred fifty regular
14 subscribers;

15 ~~2.~~ b. Be nonsectarian and printed at least three-fourths in English; and

16 ~~3.~~ c. Have been admitted to the United States mails and have complied with the
17 requirements of the federal laws governing periodicals mailing privileges for at
18 least one year.

19 2. In the county where no newspaper having the above-prescribed qualifications is
20 published, any newspaper at the county seat of that county is entitled to publish the
21 legal notices even though it may not have been established one year. The owner
22 or publisher of each legal newspaper shall send to the state historical board, to the
23 address designated by the secretary, two copies of each issue of the newspaper.

1 3. In a county in which no newspaper is published, any notice required by law to be
2 published may be published in a newspaper having the qualifications prescribed in
3 subdivisions a, b, and c of subsection 1 and which is published in an adjoining
4 county, in this or another state, and having a general circulation in the county. The
5 owner or publisher of the newspaper shall send to the state historical board two
6 copies of each issue of the newspaper.