

House Bill 1139

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 9-13-142 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 requirements of an official legal organ, so as to allow for the designation of a biweekly paper  
3 as the official legal organ; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to  
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 9-13-142 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
8 requirements of an official legal organ, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection  
9 (a) as follows:

10 "(2)(A) The newspaper shall be published within the county and continuously at least  
11 weekly for a period of two years or is the direct successor of such a newspaper  
12 continuously at least biweekly for a period of 15 years.

13 (B) The direct successor of a newspaper qualifying pursuant to subparagraph (A) of  
14 this paragraph shall also qualify.

15 (C) Failure to publish for not more than two weeks in any calendar year shall not  
16 disqualify a newspaper otherwise qualified;"

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2020.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.