

2023 Kansas Statutes

64-101. Newspapers in which legal publications may be made. (a) The governing body of each city of the first class shall designate by resolution a newspaper to be the official city newspaper. Once designated, the newspaper shall be the official city newspaper until such time as the governing body designates a different newspaper.

No legal notice, advertisement or publication of any kind required or provided by any of the laws of the state of Kansas, to be published in a newspaper shall have any force or effect unless the same is published in a newspaper which:

(1) Is published at least weekly 50 times a year and has been so published for at least one year prior to the publication of any official city publication;

(2) is entered at the post office as periodical class mail matter;

(3) has general paid circulation on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis in the county in which the city is located and is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication; and

(4) is published in the county in which the city publishing the official publication is located. If there is no newspaper published in the county, the newspaper shall be published in Kansas and shall have general paid circulation in the county.

(b) The board of county commissioners of each county shall designate by resolution a newspaper to be the official county newspaper. Once designated the newspaper shall be the official county newspaper until such time as the board designates a different newspaper. The newspaper selected for the official publications of a county shall be a newspaper which:

(1) Is published at least weekly 50 times each year and has been so published for at least one year prior to the publication of any official county publication;

(2) is entered at the post office in the county of publication as periodical class mail matter, which county shall be located in Kansas;

(3) has general paid circulation on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis in the county and is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication; and

(4) is published in the county publishing the official publication. If there is no newspaper published in the county, the newspaper shall be printed in Kansas and have general paid circulation in the county.

(c) Whenever the board of education of a school district is required to publish a legal notice, advertisement or other publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district, such newspaper shall be one which:

(1) Is published at least weekly 50 times each year and has been so published for at least one year prior to the publication of any school district publication;

(2) is entered at the post office in the school district of publication as periodical class mail matter;

(3) has general paid circulation on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis in the school district and is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication; and

(4) is published in the school district publishing the official publication. If there is no newspaper published in the school district, the newspaper shall be published in Kansas and shall have general paid circulation in the school district.

(d) Nothing contained in this section shall invalidate the publication in a newspaper which has resumed publication after having suspended publication all or part of the time that the United States has been engaged in war with any foreign nation and six months next following the cessation of hostilities if such newspaper resumes publication in good faith under the same ownership as it had when it suspended publication. Nothing in this section shall invalidate the publication in a newspaper which has simply changed its name or moved its place of publication from one part of the county to another part, or suspended publication on account of fire, flood, strikes, shortages of materials or other unavoidable accidents for not to exceed 10 weeks within the year last preceding the first publication of the legal notice, advertisement or publication. All legal publications heretofore made which otherwise would be valid, that have been made in a newspaper which, on account of flood, fire, strikes, shortages of materials or other unavoidable accident, has suspended publication for a period of not exceeding 10 weeks, are hereby legalized.

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