

GENERAL FILE

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PRESIDENT: Move to the consideration of LB401. Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: Read title. LB401

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Elrod.

SENATOR ELROD: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature, this bill LB401, Senator Waldron's bill, is a bill relating to the legals published in newspapers. I am offering this amendment to actually clarify the language. As it is presently written, it is not clear as to what rate the newspapers actually get for legals. This would make it so there would be no doubt about it as to the rate that is paid. Of course, the purpose of Senator Waldron's bill is to increase the rate. I will have to stand behind him that the rate increase is necessary. By changing that so that it will read 6 instead of 8 points. This is the type size and of course, unless you know and understand newspapers, a person wouldn't realize what was being done there. Most all newspapers now do set it in the 6 point type. This is then only putting it into the statute as they are actually doing it. Also, to compensate for that I am having the rate increased from more but actually it won't cost necessarily any additional money say to the cities, counties etc. that do publish the legals. What presently at the increased rate that I am offering there because of the fact that more words will fit into a 6 point line than into an 8 point line. It is now based on the 8 points. All I am trying to do here is clarify something here that has really been - we have kind of been hoodwinked here by someone putting this language in here back in about 1965, as I understand that. This actually will be helpful in just clarifying the statute to make it read as it should.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Elrod a question.

SENATOR ELROD: Yes, Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Is this amendment going to make it necessary that some of our local papers who are having a little struggle to buy new equipment to get this type?

SENATOR ELROD: No, this won't affect this actually at all. Right now, Senator Nore, what is happening is that based on the 8 point rate and they are setting it in smaller type. So in turn all this is doing is to then is to charge it at the 6 point rate which is being set in and they may set it in 8 point, 10 point or whatever they have been setting it in. It won't change that whatsoever.