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Bill No. HB 937 (2012)

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION
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OTHER	

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee Representative Workman offered the following:

Amendment

Remove lines 113-147 and insert:

Section 3. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 50.061, Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection (4) is created: 50.061 Amounts chargeable.-

9 (2) The charge for publishing each such official public notice 0 or legal advertisement shall be 70 cents per square inch for the 1 first insertion and 40 cents per square inch for each subsequent 2 insertion, except that government notices required to be published 3 more than once whose cost is paid for by the government and not 4 paid in advance by or allowed to be recouped from private parties 5 may not be charged for the second and successive insertions at a 6 rate greater than 85 percent of the original rate.÷

7 (a) In all counties having a population of more than 304,000 8 according to the latest official decennial census, the charge for

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19 publishing each such official public notice or legal advertisement 20 shall be 80 cents per square inch for the first insertion and 60 21 cents per square inch for each subsequent insertion.

(b) In all counties having a population of more than 450,000 according to the latest official decennial census, the charge for publishing each such official public notice or legal advertisement shall be 95 cents per square inch for the first insertion and 75 cents per square inch for each subsequent insertion.

27 (3) Where the regular established minimum commercial rate 28 per square inch of the newspaper publishing such official public 29 notices or legal advertisements is in excess of the rate herein 30 stipulated, said minimum commercial rate per square inch may be 31 charged for all such legal advertisements or official public notices for each insertion, except that government notices required 32 33 to be published more than once whose cost is paid for by the 34 government and not paid in advance by or allowed to be recouped 35 from private parties may not be charged for the second and 36 successive insertions at a rate greater than 85 percent of the 37 original rate.

38 <u>(4)</u> A governmental agency publishing an official public notice 39 or legal advertisement may procure publication by soliciting and 40 accepting written bids from newspapers published in the county, in 41 which case the specified charges in this section do not apply.

42 (4)(5) All official public notices and legal advertisements 43 shall be charged and paid for on the basis of 6-point type on 6-44 point body, unless otherwise specified by statute.

45 (5) (6) Any person violating a provision of this section,
46 either by allowing or accepting any rebate, commission, or

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47 refund, commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable
48 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

49 (6) (7) Failure to charge the rates prescribed by this 50 section shall in no way affect the validity of any official 51 public notice or legal advertisement and shall not subject same 52 to legal attack upon such grounds.

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