

March 14, 2025

SB 2069 – House Political Subdivisions

Chair Longmuir and committee members:

Attached to my testimony is a friendly amendment to SB 2069. Although the North Dakota Newspaper Association **opposes** SB 2069, the association is amenable to a solution that would address the concerns of the Public Service Commission. Therefore, we wanted to propose a potential amendment to the bill for the committee's consideration, should the committee desire to take action other than recommending a do not pass.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2069

Introduced by

State and Local Government Committee

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 46-05 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to publication requirements.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 46-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Government Public service commission publication.**

7 ~~A unit of government shall file a published notice with the secretary of state whenever the~~
8 ~~unit of government is required by law to publish notice in a newspaper.~~ The public service
9 commission may cause to have published a notice at www.ndpublicnotices.com whenever the
10 agency is required by law to publish notice in a newspaper. Unless otherwise provided by law,
11 a notice required by law which is filed and posted ~~by the secretary of state at~~
12 www.ndpublicnotices.com fulfills publication requirements if a newspaper fails to publish the
13 notice required by law.