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I am in Support of this Bill and recognizing a valid Newspaper after being in business for one (1) year to Publish Official Public Notices or Public Hearings. Community and County Newspapers are unfortunately dyeing out.



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The Municipal League of Metro St. Louis supports HB 353. This would allow more opportunities and availability of sources to publish public notices by shorting the time requirement to become a qualified newspaper.



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HB 353 allows a "new" newspaper to publish regularly and consecutively for one year, rather than three years, before it becomes a "legal" newspaper, eligible to publish notices. The bill also allows a newspaper that stops publication to be restarted within 90 days, currently 30 days, to continue its status as a "legal" newspaper. Missouri Press Association is in support of this legislation.