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Under section 331A.04, the governing body of any local public corporation, when authorized or required by statute or charter to designate a newspaper for publication of its official proceedings and public notices, must designate a newspaper that has its main office within the jurisdiction of the local public corporation. If there is no main office for a qualified newspaper in the jurisdiction, but one or more qualified newspapers maintain a secondary office there, one of them must be designated. This bill provides an exception to these priorities.

This bill permits a local public corporation to designate any newspaper as its official newspaper if:

- 4 it is a qualified medium of official and legal publication;
- 4 the publisher swears that circulation reaches not fewer than 75 percent of the households in the jurisdiction; and
- 4 the governing body votes unanimously to designate the newspaper.

Provides that the newspaper's designation terminates if its circulation falls below 75 percent at any time.

"Local public corporation" means a county, home rule charter or statutory city, town, school district, or any other local political subdivision or local or area district, commission, board, or authority.