

Rep. Kitchens: Statement on Newspaper Legal Notice Bill Signed Into Law

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MADISON- State Rep. Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement after Governor Walker signed Assembly Bill 731 into law:

“I am delighted that the Governor has signed my Newspaper Legal Notice Bill, Assembly Bill 731, which will allow free newspapers to receive compensation for publishing legal notices and serve as the paper of record for certain municipalities.

“For some rural areas in Wisconsin, keeping up with what is happening on the local level is not as simple as clicking a button on your computer, and printed news outlets can be limited. In these municipalities, free local newspapers are the most widely circulated source of news and therefore the best option to publish any legal notice.

“This bill will provide opportunities for rural newspapers like the Peninsula Pulse and the Kewaunee Star-News to better serve the public while increasing competition, a factor that will help to keep costs at a minimum for local government.

“I am proud to have introduced this bill in the Assembly and I would like to thank the Senate author, Senator Rob Cowles (R-Green Bay) for his support of this great piece of legislation. Our citizens depend on the government to keep them accurately informed and I firmly believe that this bill is in keeping with that trust.”