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Governor Bobby Jindal  
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I write this letter as the President of the New Orleans Bar Association, a voluntary bar association of approximately 3,000 members. The purpose of my letter is to respectfully request that without further delay that you sign House Bill 1144. This bill is a technical but critically important piece of legislation that directly affects many legal proceedings such as foreclosures and successions. It solves a problem brought on by the recent announcement that The Times-Picayune will cease publishing daily in the next few months.

Under current law, judicial notices in Orleans Parish must be published in a "daily newspaper" domiciled in Orleans Parish. Without HB 1144, all judicial notices in The Times-Picayune will be defective the minute the paper ceases to publish daily. HB 1144 solves that problem. The bill becomes effective upon the governor's signature.

Without HB 1144, all judicial notices in Orleans Parish will arguably be "defective" under current law, which will almost certainly lead to unnecessary, protracted and totally avoidable litigation.

Further, because the Orleans Parish Sheriff must, under existing law, name a publisher in the month of June, it is vital that HB 1144 be signed as soon as possible. HB 1144 becomes effective upon your signature. Because we're already in the month of June, time is of the essence.

Moreover, HB 1144 only affects Orleans Parish. No other parishes or public notices are affected by this bill.

Finally, HB 1144 had the full support of the Louisiana Press Association, which recognized the enormity of the potential problem posed by The Times-Picayune's decision to cease publishing daily.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
R. Patrick Vance  
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