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Beginning on July 1, 2020, in all probate cases in which there is a citation by publication requirement (heirships, civil cases), there is now a requirement for an additional publication.

The new citation by publication rules (§51.054 of the Estates Code) go into effect on July 1, which now require publishing citation on the Office of Court Administration's website in addition to citation being published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

Currently, the OCA's website is planned to go live on July 1, 2020. §51.103(b)(4)(A)(i – iii) in turn requires an affidavit from the OCA, and that needs to be filed in addition to the newspaper affidavit before we can set matters on the docket.

The new citation by publication rules apply to all pending cases that have not been heard by July 1st, 2020, applies to guardianship cases that may have a publication requirement, and to any civil case that has a requirement of a citation by publication.