
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5888

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By Senators Gardner, Spanel and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to the qualifications of a legal newspaper;
2 amending RCW 65.16.020; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 65.16.020 and 1961 c 279 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The qualifications of a legal newspaper are that such newspaper
7 shall have been published regularly, at least once a week, in the
8 English language, as a newspaper of general circulation, in the city or
9 town where the same is published at the time of application for
10 approval, for at least six months prior to the date of such
11 application; shall be compiled either in whole or in part in an office
12 maintained at the place of publication; shall contain news of general
13 interest as contrasted with news of interest primarily to an
14 organization, group or class; shall have a policy to print law
15 enforcement notifications for level III sex and kidnapping offenders
16 residing in the paper's county of publication; and shall hold a
17 ((second class mailing permit)) periodical class or standard class
18 mailing permit: PROVIDED, That a newspaper holding a standard class
19 mailing permit has printed legal notices of the federal government for

1 a period of at least two years prior to application, is distributed by
2 the United States postal service to at least twenty percent of
3 households within its primary circulation area, and is published within
4 fifteen miles of an international border: PROVIDED, That in case of
5 the consolidation of two or more newspapers, such consolidated
6 newspaper shall be considered as qualified if either or any of the
7 papers so consolidated would be a qualified newspaper at the date of
8 such legal publication, had not such consolidation taken place:
9 PROVIDED, That this section shall not disqualify as a legal newspaper
10 any publication which, prior to June 8, 1961, was adjudged a legal
11 newspaper, so long as it continues to meet the requirements under which
12 it qualified.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
16 immediately.

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