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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; and  
2 amending RCW 65.16.020.

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; and shall hold a ((second class mailing  
15 permit)) periodical class or standard class mailing permit: PROVIDED,  
16 That a newspaper holding a standard class mailing permit has printed  
17 legal notices of the federal government for a period of at least two  
18 years prior to application, is distributed by the United States postal  
19 service to at least twenty percent of households within its primary

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

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