
SENATE BILL 5232

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By Senators Bailey, Wagoner, Zeiger, Becker, and Honeyford

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 2001 c 283 s 1 are each amended to
5 read 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
9 or 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
12 office maintained at the place of publication; shall contain news of
13 general interest as contrasted with news of interest primarily to an
14 organization, group or class; shall have a policy to print all
15 statutorily required legal notices; and (~~shall hold a periodical~~
16 ~~class mailing permit~~) can verify circulation by an independent
17 certified circulation audit: PROVIDED, That in case of the
18 consolidation of two or more newspapers, such consolidated newspaper
19 shall be considered as qualified if either or any of the papers so
20 consolidated would be a qualified newspaper at the date of such legal
21 publication, had not such consolidation taken place: PROVIDED, That

1 this section shall not disqualify as a legal newspaper any
2 publication which, prior to June 8, 1961, was adjudged a legal
3 newspaper, so long as it continues to meet the requirements under
4 which it qualified.

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