
HOUSE BILL 1315

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By Representatives Schmick and Maycumber

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1 AN ACT Relating to legal newspapers; and amending RCW 65.16.020.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 65.16.020 and 2001 c 283 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The qualifications of a legal newspaper are that such newspaper
6 shall have been published regularly, at least once a week, in the
7 English language, as a newspaper of general circulation, in the city
8 or town where the same is published at the time of application for
9 approval, for at least six months prior to the date of such
10 application; shall be compiled either in whole or in part in an
11 office maintained at the place of publication; shall be compiled,
12 printed, and distributed primarily in Washington; shall contain news
13 of general interest as contrasted with news of interest primarily to
14 an organization, group, or class; shall have a policy to print all
15 statutorily required legal notices; and shall hold a periodical class
16 mailing permit: PROVIDED, That in case of the consolidation of two or
17 more newspapers, such consolidated newspaper shall be considered as
18 qualified if either or any of the papers so consolidated would be a
19 qualified newspaper at the date of such legal publication, had not
20 such consolidation taken place: PROVIDED, That this section shall not
21 disqualify as a legal newspaper any publication which, prior to June

1 8, 1961, was adjudged a legal newspaper, so long as it continues to
2 meet the requirements under which it qualified.

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