

HOUSE BILL NO. 236

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/19/93

Referred: Labor & Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to newspapers of general circulation."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1. AS 01.10.060 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:**

4 **(15) "newspaper of general circulation" means a publication that**

5 **(A) is published in newspaper format;**

6 **(B) contains, in at least 25 percent of each issue, editorial**

7 **comments and news content that is of general interest in the relevant area, not**

8 **just to a particular part of the relevant area; has more than an insignificant**

9 **circulation throughout the relevant area; and for at least two years, has been**

10 **distributed at least once a week and for at least 50 weeks a year within the**

11 **relevant area, excluding a period when publication is interrupted by a labor**

12 **dispute or by a natural disaster, or other casualty that the publisher cannot**

13 **control; in this subparagraph, "relevant area" means the judicial district,**

14 **municipality, or other geographical area specified in or otherwise used in the**

1 governing statute or regulation to determine where the publication, advertising,
2 or other activity is to be accomplished by using a newspaper of general
3 circulation;

4 (C) holds a second class mailing permit from the United States
5 Postal Service;

6 (D) is not published primarily to distribute advertising;

7 (E) is not intended primarily for a particular professional or
8 occupational group; and

9 (F) have a total paid circulation of at least 2,500 bona fide
10 subscribers.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 09.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 09.65.160. ACTION TO ESTABLISH NEWSPAPER STATUS. A person
13 who owns a publication may bring an action under AS 22.10.020(g) to establish that
14 the publication is a newspaper of general circulation under AS 01.10.060.