SENATE BILL NO. 168

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Referred: STA, JUD

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to newspapers of general circulation."

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

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

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

(A) is published in newspaper format;

(B) contains, in at least 25 percent of each issue, editorial comments and news content that is of general interest in the relevant area, not just to a particular part of the relevant area; has more than an insignificant circulation throughout the relevant area; and for at least two years, has been distributed at least once a week and for at least 50 weeks a year within the relevant area, excluding a period when publication is interrupted by a labor dispute or by a natural disaster, or other casualty that the publisher cannot control; in this subparagraph, "relevant area" means the judicial district, 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.