

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 168(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/25/93
Referred: JUDICIARY

Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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; for at least two years, has been
10 distributed at least two times a month each year within the relevant area,
11 excluding a period when publication is interrupted by a labor dispute or by a
12 natural disaster, or other casualty that the publisher cannot control; and has a
13 total paid circulation of at least 1,000 bona fide subscribers, or a total paid
14 circulation of at least 20 percent of the total population of the relevant area,

1 whichever is less; in this subparagraph, "relevant area" means the judicial
2 district, municipality, or other geographical area specified in or otherwise used
3 in the governing statute or regulation to determine where the publication,
4 advertising, or other activity is to be accomplished by using a newspaper of
5 general circulation;

6 (C) holds a second class mailing permit from the United States
7 Postal Service; and

8 (D) is not published primarily to distribute advertising.

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

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