



SENATE BILL No. 531

May 16, 1995, Introduced by Senator SHUGARS and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs.

A bill to amend section 1 of Act No. 247 of the Public Acts of 1963, entitled

"An act to define the term "newspaper" as used in the statutes of this state regarding publication of notices,"

being section 691.1051 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of Act No. 247 of the Public Acts of
2 1963, being section 691.1051 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 1. (1) ~~The term~~ AS USED IN THIS ACT, "newspaper" ~~as~~
5 ~~used in any statute of this state, except the revised judicature~~
6 ~~act of 1961 relative to the publication of a notice of any kind,~~
7 ~~shall be construed to refer only to~~ MEANS a newspaper published
8 in the English language for the dissemination of local or
9 transmitted news and intelligence of a general character or for

1 the dissemination of legal news ~~, which~~ THAT MEETS BOTH OF THE
2 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

3 (a) ~~has~~ HAS a bona fide list of paying subscribers or has
4 been published ~~at~~ not less than ~~weekly intervals~~ ONCE PER
5 WEEK in the same community without interruption for at least 2
6 years. ~~, and~~

7 (b) ~~has~~ HAS been published and of general circulation ~~at~~
8 not less than ~~weekly intervals~~ ONCE PER WEEK without interrup-
9 tion for at least 1 year in the county, township, city, village,
10 or district where the notice is required to be published. A
11 newspaper shall not lose eligibility for interruption of continu-
12 ous publication because of acts of God, labor disputes, or
13 because of military service of the publisher for a period ~~of~~
14 not to exceed 2 years ~~and provided~~ IF publication is resumed
15 within 6 months following the termination of ~~such~~ THE military
16 service. ~~,~~

17 ~~(c) annually averages at least 25% news and editorial con-~~
18 ~~tent per issue. The term "news and editorial content" for the~~
19 ~~purpose of this section means any printed matter other than~~
20 ~~advertising.~~

21 (2) If no newspaper ~~so~~ qualifies in the county where the
22 court is situated, the term "newspaper" shall include ~~any~~ A
23 newspaper in an adjoining county ~~which by this act is qualified~~
24 ~~to publish notice of actions commenced therein~~ THAT OTHERWISE
25 MEETS THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (1).

26 (3) AS USED IN THIS ACT, "GENERAL CIRCULATION" MEANS
27 DISPERSAL IN A MANNER THAT INVOLVES MORE THAN DEPOSITING A STACK

1 OF NEWSPAPERS AT A SITE FOR PUBLIC AVAILABILITY AND INCLUDES, BUT
2 IS NOT LIMITED TO, DOOR-TO-DOOR CIRCULATION.