

CHAPTER 36.

[S. B. 42.]

QUALIFICATIONS OF LEGAL NEWSPAPERS.

AN ACT relating to the qualifications of legal newspapers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Suspension forced by war.

Legal status restored by court order.

Reinstatement procedure.

SECTION 1. Where a newspaper has become established as a legal newspaper within the provisions of chapter 99, Laws of 1921 (section 253-1 to section 253-7, Remington's Revised Statutes) as amended by chapter 213, Laws of 1941 (section 253a to section 253-5a, Rem. Supp. 1941) and has been forced to cease publication since December 8, 1941, due primarily to war conditions and to matters pertaining to the war effort, and such newspaper thereafter and before one (1) year after the formal termination of the present war has resumed publication, such newspaper may become and be a legal newspaper upon being approved as a legal newspaper by order of the Superior Court of the county in which such newspaper is published. Such order may be entered without notice upon presentation of a petition by or on behalf of the publisher, setting forth the qualifications of the newspaper as required by said statutes, and particularly the length of time that such newspaper has ceased or stopped publication, and the time of resuming such publication, and upon evidence satisfactory to the court that the cessation of such publication was due primarily to war conditions and to matters pertaining to the war effort, and that such newspaper has resumed publication, the court may enter an order approving such newspaper as a legal newspaper.

Passed the Senate February 3, 1943.

Passed the House February 24, 1943.

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