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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF N.J.S.A.35:1-2.1  
 (State publications; qualifications of newspapers; unqualified newspaper acquiring a qualified newspaper)

- L.1935 - chap.177 - A283  
 Jan.28 - Introduced.  
 Bill amended during passage.  
 Bill had statement. (enclosed)  
 2d OCR enclosed. (1st OCR not bound in bound volume of bills).
- L.1938 - chap.328 - A644  
 April 25 - Introduced. (enclosed)  
 Assembly Committee Substitute for A644 (enclosed)  
 Substitute not amended during passage.  
 Bill had no statement.
- L.1941 - chap.147 - S220  
 (Bound volume of senate bills containing this bill not locatable at time legislative history was done.)
- L.1941 - chap.409 - S410  
 June 9 - Introduced.  
 Amended during passage. (enclosed)  
 Bill had statement. (enclosed)
- L.1953 - chap.411 - A406  
 March 16 - Introduced  
 Amended during passage. (enclosed)  
 Bill had statement. (enclosed)
- No hearings or reports were located on any of these bills.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED JANUARY 28, 1935

By Miss MALONEY

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT defining what newspapers or publications may be used for the publication of official notices, advertisements or other publications required to be made by the State of New Jersey as such or by any department, board or body of the State government or by any State official or office.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*  
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. Whenever it is required to publish ordinances, resolutions, official  
2 proclamations, notices, or advertising of any sort, kind, or character, includ-  
3 ing proposals for bids on public work and otherwise, by the State of New  
4 Jersey or by any board or body constituted and established for the perform-  
5 ance of any State duty or by any State official or office, or commission, the  
6 newspaper or newspapers selected for such publication or publications must  
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8 newspapers shall be printed in the English language, shall have been pub-  
9 lished continuously for not less than one year and shall have been entered  
10 as second class mail matter under the postal laws and regulations of the  
11 United States.

1 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby re-  
2 pealed.

1 3. This act is to take place immediately.

## STATEMENT

The object of this act is to limit the selection of newspapers for official advertising to actual newspapers printed and published in the State and qualified and eligible to use the second-class newspaper mailing privileges in the United States. This is to prevent the selection of any mere advertising medium or circular or pretended newspaper publication.

ASSEMBLY, No. 283

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED APRIL 25, 1938

By Mr. WILENSKY

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT concerning newspapers, and amending section 35:1-2.1 of the Revised Statutes.

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2 *Jersey:*

1 1. Section 35:1-2.1 of the Revised Statutes be and the same is hereby  
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8 city, borough, township and village official or office or commission, the news-  
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10 following qualifications, namely: said newspaper or newspapers shall be  
11 printed in the English language, shall have been published continuously for  
12 not less than [one] two years and shall have been entered as second-class mail  
13 matter under the postal laws and regulations of the United States[.] for a  
14 period of two years.

1 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby re-  
2 pealed.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
ASSEMBLY, No. 644

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED MAY 9, 1938

AN ACT concerning newspapers, and amending sections 35:1-2.1 and 35:1-2.2  
of the Revised Statutes.

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13 and regulations of the United States.

14 35:1-2.2. Publications by counties, municipalities, individuals and corpo-  
15 rations; qualifications of newspapers. Whenever, by law, it is required that  
16 there be published by printing and publishing in a newspaper or newspa-  
17 pers ordinances, resolutions or notices or advertisements of any sort, kind  
18 or character by any county, city or other municipality or municipal corpora-  
19 tion, or by any municipal board or official board, or body, or office, or officials,

20 or by any person or corporation, such newspaper or newspapers must, in ad-  
21 dition to any other qualification now required by law, meet the following  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 9, 1941

By Mr. SCHROEDER

Referred to Committee on Miscellaneous Business

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18 acquiring newspaper shall be deemed to meet these qualifications if it is

19 published in the same municipality and entered in the same post office as  
20 was the acquired newspaper.

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EXPLANATION

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify present qualifications of news-  
papers for legal advertisements and to prevent defeat of the intent of the  
present law.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 406

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 16, 1953

By Mr. JOYA

Referred to Committee on Revision and Amendment of Laws

AN ACT concerning legal newspapers,, and amending sections 35:1-2.1 and  
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1. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

The proposed amendment is similar to the legislation adopted in Pennsylvania affecting newspaper publication and heeds the warning set forth in the opinion of the Circuit Court of New Jersey in the case of *In re Bond Printing Co., Inc.*, 48 (2nd series) Atlantic Reporter 291 et seq.

“I can also conceive of other hardships which this legislation could impose on qualified newspapers throughout the State. For instance, a fire or other calamity could so thoroughly wipe out a newspaper plant that it would be necessary to establish a complete new set-up. It is conceivable that in some other municipality a new plant might be readily available, but the transfer of the publication office from one municipality to another would involve the loss of the newspaper’s status.”

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