

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE BILL NO. 2281  
(Senator W. Stenehjem)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 14-17-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to appointment of counsel in paternity proceedings; and to declare an emergency.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 14-17-18 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. At the pretrial hearing and in further proceedings, any party may be represented by counsel. ~~The court shall appoint counsel to represent the interests of any party who is financially unable to obtain counsel in proceedings leading to the initial judicial determination of parentage under this chapter.~~

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2281 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas        46            Nays        0            Absent      3

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas        89            Nays        3            Absent      5

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Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997,

at \_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State