

SENATE BILL NO. 2248
with House Amendments
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Introduced by

Senators Oban, Dever, Oehlke

Representatives Beadle, Nathe, Hanson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 14-15-19 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to relinquishment and termination of parent and child relationship.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 14-15-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

- 6 a. If the identity of the father or mother is known and an address for service is also
7 known, or the address can be ascertained with reasonable diligence, the father or
8 mother must be personally served the petition and notice for termination of
9 parental rights in compliance with the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 10 b. If the identity of the father or mother is unknown but the father's or mother's
11 location is known, and the identity of the father or mother cannot be ascertained
12 with reasonable diligence, notice must be given by publication of the petition at
13 least once a week for three consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the
14 county in which the unknown father or mother is located.
- 15 c. If the identity and location of the father or mother are unknown and the location
16 and identity of the father or mother cannot be ascertained with reasonable
17 diligence, notice must be given by publication of the petition at least once a week
18 for three consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which
19 conception occurred.
- 20 d. The last publication as required under this subsection must be at least ten days
21 before the time set for hearing. Proof of publication of the notice must be made at
22 or before the hearing and filed in the proceeding.