

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE BILL NO. 2248  
(Senators Oban, Dever, Oehlke)  
(Representatives Beadle, Nathe, Hanson)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subsection to section 14-15-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to relinquishment and termination of parent and child relationship.

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

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

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

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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 Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2248.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 44            Nays 0            Absent 3

House Vote:    Yeas 83            Nays 9            Absent 2

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017,

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

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Secretary of State