Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## **SENATE BILL NO. 2248**

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 Service of the petition is complete upon compliance with the North Dakota Rules of
- 7 <u>Civil Procedure. If the father or the father's last-known address is unknown and the</u>
- 8 address or identity of the father cannot be ascertained with reasonable diligence,
- 9 notice must be given by publishing a copy of the petition at least once a week for three
- 10 <u>consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which conception</u>
- 11 <u>occurred. The last publication must be at least ten days before the time set for the</u>
- 12 <u>hearing. Proof of publishing the notice must be made at or before the hearing and filed</u>
- 13 <u>in the proceeding.</u>