

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 Civil Procedure. If the father or the father's last-known address is unknown and the  
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 consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which conception  
11 occurred. The last publication must be at least ten days before the time set for the  
12 hearing. Proof of publishing the notice must be made at or before the hearing and filed  
13 in the proceeding.