

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2281**

Introduced by

Senator W. Stenehjem

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 14-17-18 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to appointment of counsel in paternity proceedings.

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

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

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