

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Administrative Rules Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 28-32-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to publication of notice of administrative rulemaking; and to provide an
3 effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 28-32-02 of the 1997
6 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 4. The agency's full notice of the proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule
8 must include a short, specific explanation of the proposed rule and the purpose of
9 the proposed rule, a determination of whether the proposed rulemaking is
10 expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of fifty thousand
11 dollars, identify at least one location where interested persons may review the text
12 of the proposed rule, provide the address to which written data, views, or
13 arguments concerning the proposed rule may be sent, provide a phone number at
14 which a copy of the rules and regulatory analysis may be requested, and, in the
15 case of a substantive rule, provide the time and place set for each oral hearing.
16 The agency's full notice must be filed with the office of the legislative council ~~and~~
17 ~~published~~ . The agency shall publish an abbreviated newspaper notice at least
18 ~~twice once~~ in each daily newspaper of general circulation official county
19 newspaper published in this state. The newspaper publication of notice must be in
20 a display-type format with a minimum width of one column of approximately two
21 inches [5.08 centimeters] and a depth of from three inches [7.62 centimeters] to
22 four inches [10.16 centimeters]. The newspaper publication of the notice must
23 include a headline describing the general topic of the proposed rules. The
24 newspaper publication of notice must include the address and telephone number

1 to use to obtain a copy of the proposed rules and must include the location, date,
2 and time of the public hearing on the rules. The agency shall mail a copy of the
3 agency's full notice to each person who has made a timely request to the agency
4 for a mailed copy of the notice. The agency may mail or otherwise provide a copy
5 of the agency's full notice to any person who is likely to be an interested person.
6 The agency shall mail or deliver a copy of the rules to any person requesting a
7 copy. The agency may charge for the actual cost of providing copies of the
8 proposed rule. At least thirty days must elapse between the later of the date of the
9 ~~second~~ publication of the notice or the date the legislative council mails copies of
10 an agency's notice and the date of the hearing. The thirty-day period begins on
11 the first business day of the month in which the notices must be mailed or on the
12 date of the ~~second~~ publication, whichever is later. Subject to subsection 5, notices
13 filed on or before the last calendar day of the preceding month must be mailed by
14 the legislative council on the first business day of the following month to any
15 person making a request. The agency shall allow, after the conclusion of any
16 rulemaking hearing, a comment period of not less than thirty days during which
17 data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed rulemaking will be received by
18 the agency and made a part of the rulemaking record to be considered by the
19 agency.

20 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for administrative rulemaking
21 notices filed with the office of the legislative council after July 31, 1999.