

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1067

Introduced by

Representative Hoffner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 32-28-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the name change of a minor.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 32-28-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **32-28-02. Change of name of person - Petition.**

7 1. Any person desiring to change ~~his or her~~ that person's name may file a petition in
8 the district court of the county in which the person is a resident, setting forth:

9 ~~4-~~ a. That the petitioner has been a bona fide resident of the county for at least six
10 months ~~prior to~~ before the filing of the petition.

11 ~~2-~~ b. The ~~cause~~ reason for which the change of the petitioner's name is sought.

12 ~~3-~~ c. The name ~~asked for~~ requested.

13 2. The judge of the district court, upon being duly satisfied by affidavit or proof in open
14 court of the truth of the allegations set forth in the petition, that there exists proper
15 and reasonable cause for changing the name of the petitioner, and that thirty days'
16 previous notice of the intended application has been given in ~~some newspaper~~
17 ~~printed in the district~~ the official newspaper of the county in which the petitioner
18 resides, shall order a change of the name of the petitioner. The court may waive
19 publication of the notice when the proposed change relates only to a first or given
20 name as distinguished from a surname.

21 3. If the person whose name is to be changed is a minor, notice of the intended
22 application must be published in the official newspaper of the county in which the
23 minor resides and, if different, the official newspaper of the county in which each of
24 the minor's parents reside.