

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2027

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 request publication of an abbreviated newspaper  
18 publication notice at least twice once in each daily newspaper of general  
19 circulation official county newspaper published in this state. The newspaper  
20 publication of notice must be in a display-type format with a minimum width of one  
21 column of approximately two inches [5.08 centimeters] and a depth of from three  
22 inches [7.62 centimeters] to four inches [10.16 centimeters] with a headline  
23 describing the general topic of the proposed rules and the address and telephone  
24 number to use to obtain a copy of the proposed rules and the location, date, and

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

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