

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 32-28-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to exceptions from the requirement to publish notice of a change of
3 name.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 32-28-02 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 2. The judge of the district court, upon being duly satisfied by affidavit or proof in
8 open court of the truth of the allegations set forth in the petition, that there exists
9 proper and reasonable cause for changing the name of the petitioner, and that
10 thirty days' previous notice of the intended application has been given in the official
11 newspaper of the county in which the petitioner resides, shall order a change of
12 the name of the petitioner. The court may waive publication of the notice when the
13 proposed change relates only to a first or given name as distinguished from a
14 surname or upon evidence satisfactory to the court that the petitioner has been the
15 victim of domestic violence as defined in section 14-07.1-01.