

**SENATE BILL NO. 2281
with House Amendments**

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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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; and to declare an
3 emergency.

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

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

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

11 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.