

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1461
(Representatives Niemeier, Sandvig)
(Senator Andrist)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 32-28-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exceptions from the requirement to publish notice of a change of name.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1461.

House Vote: Yeas 94 Nays 0 Absent 0

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

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Secretary of State