
HOUSE BILL 2260

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1 AN ACT Relating to the publication of notice for dependency
2 proceedings; and amending RCW 13.34.080.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.34.080 and 2000 c 122 s 9 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The court shall direct the ((clerk)) department to publish
7 notice in a legal newspaper printed in the county, qualified to
8 publish summons, once a week for three consecutive weeks, with the
9 first publication of the notice to be at least twenty-five days prior
10 to the date fixed for the hearing when it appears by the petition or
11 verified statement that:

12 (a)(i) The parent or guardian is a nonresident of this state; or

13 (ii) The name or place of residence or whereabouts of the parent
14 or guardian is unknown; and

15 (b) After due diligence, the person attempting service of the
16 summons or notice provided for in RCW 13.34.070 has been unable to
17 make service, and a copy of the notice has been deposited in the post
18 office, postage prepaid, directed to such person at his or her last
19 known place of residence. If the parent, guardian, or legal custodian
20 is believed to be a resident of another state or a county other than
21 the county in which the petition has been filed, notice also shall be

1 published in the county in which the parent, guardian, or legal
2 custodian is believed to reside.

3 (2) Publication may proceed simultaneously with efforts to
4 provide service in person or by mail, when the court determines there
5 is reason to believe that service in person or by mail will not be
6 successful. Notice shall be directed to the parent, parents, or other
7 person claiming the right to the custody of the child, if their names
8 are known. If their names are unknown, the phrase "To whom it may
9 concern" shall be used, apply to, and be binding upon, those persons
10 whose names are unknown. The name of the court, the name of the child
11 (or children if of one family), the date of the filing of the
12 petition, the date of hearing, and the object of the proceeding in
13 general terms shall be set forth. There shall be filed with the clerk
14 an affidavit showing due publication of the notice. The cost of
15 publication shall be paid by the ((county)) department at a rate not
16 greater than the rate paid for other legal notices. The publication
17 of notice shall be deemed equivalent to personal service upon all
18 persons, known or unknown, who have been designated as provided in
19 this section.

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