

HOUSE BILL No. 2772

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT regarding parentage; rights of the biological father.

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3 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

4 Section 1. (a) In a divorce or annulment proceeding, if the mother has
5 not made the court aware that the husband is not or may not be the child's
6 biological father nor informed the alleged biological father of his status as
7 the child's father until after the court's orders are entered, the alleged
8 biological father may file a petition with the court of original jurisdiction
9 for a determination of the person's status as the biological father. The
10 alleged biological father, if determined to be the biological father, will be
11 informed of the rights and duties of the biological father concerning the
12 parent-child relationship and custody of the child.

13 (b) A determination that the alleged biological father is the father
14 shall be considered a material change of circumstances requiring the court
15 to re-open the divorce or annulment proceedings and determine the best
16 interest of the child as to custody between the presumed father and the
17 biological father.

18 (c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to articles 27 and
19 32 of chapter 23 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments
20 thereto.

21 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
22 publication in the statute book.