

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0086

Guardian ad litem appointments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Huckfeldt

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to paternity suits; amending provisions
2 regarding representation of a minor child by a guardian ad
3 litem in a paternity action; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 14-2-107 is amended to read:

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10 **14-2-107. Parties; notice and hearing required.**

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12 The child shall be made a party to the action. If the child
13 is not represented by a state agency and the child is a
14 minor, the child shall be represented by the child's
15 guardian or a guardian ad litem appointed by the court for
16 the limited purpose of establishing paternity, unless the
17 court appoints the guardian ad litem as in all other

1 actions involving domestic relations. A guardian ad litem
2 shall not be appointed by the court under this section if
3 the results of genetic tests conducted in the action give
4 rise to the presumption specified in W.S. 14-2-109(e)(iv).
5 Upon the appointment of a guardian ad litem, the court
6 shall specify the duties of the guardian ad litem to ensure
7 the person representing the child as guardian ad litem
8 understands his duties and responsibilities in the action.

9 The child's mother or father may not represent the child as
10 guardian or otherwise. The natural mother, each man
11 presumed to be the father under W.S. 14-2-102 and each man
12 alleged to be the natural father may be made parties and
13 shall be given notice of the action in a manner prescribed
14 by the court and an opportunity to be heard. The court may
15 align the parties.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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