

1 SB163  
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3 By Senator Ward  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a proceeding to  
9 adjudicate the parentage of a child having no  
10 presumed, acknowledged, or adjudicated father may  
11 be commenced by the mother of the child for the  
12 purposes of obtaining support anytime before the  
13 child reaches age 19.

14 Under existing law, a person claiming to be  
15 the father of a child may acknowledge paternity and  
16 provide notice of intent to claim paternity by  
17 placing his name on the state putative father  
18 registry either before the child's birth or within  
19 30 days after birth.

20 This bill would provide that if the mother  
21 of a child alleges a person to be the father of her  
22 child, either born or unborn, the alleged father is  
23 entitled to a paternity test. This bill would  
24 require the alleged father to prove that the  
25 mother, by spoken word or by publication, alleged  
26 him to be the father of her child.

1                   This bill would provide for payment of the  
2                   cost of the test.

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4                   A BILL  
5                   TO BE ENTITLED  
6                   AN ACT

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8                   To provide that if a woman alleges a person to be  
9                   the father of her child, either born or unborn, the alleged  
10                  father is entitled to a paternity test; to require proof that  
11                  the mother, by word or publication, made the allegation; to  
12                  provide for payment of the cost of the test; and to provide  
13                  that this act shall not affect any right of a person to  
14                  acknowledge paternity by placing his name on the putative  
15                  father registry.

16                  BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17                  Section 1. (a) If a woman alleges a person to be the  
18                  father of her child, either born or unborn, the alleged father  
19                  is entitled to a paternity test. The person requesting the  
20                  paternity test shall prove that the mother, by spoken word or  
21                  publication, alleged him to be the father. The person  
22                  requesting the test shall pay the costs of the test.

23                  (b) This section shall not affect the right of a  
24                  person to acknowledge paternity or provide notice of intent to  
25                  claim paternity by placing his name on the putative father  
26                  registry established pursuant to Chapter 10C of Title 26 of  
27                  the Code of Alabama 1975.

1                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
2 first day of the third month following its passage and  
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.