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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

1 Representative(s) Galvano offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 246-249 and insert:

5 (3) Service of process by publication under chapter 49 may
6 be made on the legal father in any action or proceeding to
7 determine paternity, which may result in termination of the
8 legal father's parental rights, in which another man is alleged
9 to be the biological father. Before service of process by
10 publication may be made, the petitioner shall conduct a diligent
11 search and inquiry to locate the legal father. A diligent search
12 must include the inquiries required by s. 63.088(5). The
13 petitioner shall execute an affidavit of diligent search and
14 file it with the court confirming completion of each aspect of
15 the diligent search enumerated in s. 63.088(5) and specifying
16 the results. If the legal father cannot be located, he shall be

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17 served with process by publication in the manner provided in
18 chapter 49. The notice shall be published in the county where
19 the legal father was last known to have resided. The clerk of
20 the circuit court shall mail a copy of the notice to the legal
21 father at his last known address.

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24 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

25 Remove line 17 and insert:
26 fathers; providing for diligent search and inquiry; amending s.
27 742.09, F.S.; providing an exception