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Section

- 1** **Presumption.** Amends the Parentage Act provision on paternity presumptions. Strikes a current factor that presumes a man to be a child's father if the man held out the child as his own during the child's minority. Replaces this with a requirement that the man must have resided in the same household with the child for at least 12 months during the first two years of the child's life. The new language is from the Uniform Parentage Act. Minnesota has previously adopted some, but not all, provisions of the Uniform Act.

Strikes current language on the presumption accorded blood tests showing 99 percent or greater probability that a man is a child's father.
- 2** **Positive test results.** Amends existing law that states an alleged father is "presumed to be the parent" if blood tests show a 99 percent or greater probability. Keeps the 99 percent figure, but states the presumption as follows: "there is an evidentiary presumption that the alleged father is the parent."