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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to changes of name; amending s.
3 68.07, F.S.; requiring a petitioner for a
4 change of name to submit fingerprints to the
5 clerk of court; providing for a fee;
6 prohibiting a convicted felon from filing a
7 petition for a change of name while
8 incarcerated; providing an exception for
9 victims and witnesses certified for protection
10 or relocation; requiring certain forms to
11 include a category for all names used by a
12 person; providing an effective date.

14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

16 Section 1. Present subsections (6), (7), and (8) of
17 section 68.07, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections
18 (7), (8), and (9), respectively, present subsection (5) is
19 renumbered as subsection (6) and amended, and new subsections
20 (5) and (10) are added to that section, to read:

21 68.07 Change of name.--

22 (5) A petitioner granted a change of name under this
23 section must submit to the clerk a complete set of
24 fingerprints taken by an authorized law enforcement agency.
25 The clerk shall submit the fingerprints to the Florida
26 Department of Law Enforcement for processing. The petitioner
27 shall be charged a \$15 fee, payable to the Florida Department
28 of Law Enforcement, to cover the cost of processing the
29 fingerprints.

30 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ If the petitioner is a convicted felon, the
31 clerk must, upon the filing of the final judgment, send a

1 report of the judgment to the Florida Department of Law
2 Enforcement on a form to be furnished by that department. The
3 report must contain sufficient information to identify the
4 original criminal record of the petitioner, the new name of
5 the petitioner, and the file number of the judgment. With
6 respect to a person convicted of a felony in another state or
7 of a federal offense, the Florida Department of Law
8 Enforcement must send the report to the respective state's
9 office of law enforcement records or to the office of the
10 Federal Bureau of Investigation. A convicted felon, except for
11 a victim or witness identified or certified for protection or
12 relocation pursuant to s. 914.25, may not file a petition for
13 a change of name while incarcerated and under the jurisdiction
14 of the Department of Corrections or the Correctional
15 Privatization Commission.

16 (10) Any form used by an agency of state or local
17 government which requires the submission of demographic
18 information by name shall include, after October 1, 2000, a
19 category for all names previously and currently held by a
20 person.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
22 law.

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25 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

26 Requires a petitioner for a change of name to submit
27 fingerprints to the clerk of court. Prohibits a convicted
28 felon from filing a petition for a change of name while
29 incarcerated and provides an exception for victims and
30 witnesses certified for protection or relocation.
31 Requires certain forms to include a category for all
names used by a person.