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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.

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

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