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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to change of name; amending s. 68.07, F.S.; providing an additional requirement with respect to petitions for a change of name under certain circumstances; requiring the clerk of the court to send a report to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement which includes fingerprints taken by a law enforcement agency; providing for the transmission of the report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing for the payment of certain costs by the petitioner; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) and subsection (5) of section 68.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 68.07 Change of name. --

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The petition shall include a copy of the petitioner's fingerprints taken by a law enforcement agency and be verified and show:

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Whether petitioner has ever been charged with or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found to have committed, regardless of adjudication, a criminal offense, convicted of a felony and if so, when and where.

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If the petitioner is a convicted felon, The clerk must, upon the filing of the final judgment, send a report of the judgment to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on a form to be furnished by that department. The report must contain sufficient information to identify the original criminal record of the petitioner, including the petitioner's fingerprints taken



by a law enforcement agency, the new name of the petitioner, and the file number of the judgment. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement must send the report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Such transmission may be accomplished electronically. With respect to a person convicted of a felony in another state or of a federal offense, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement must send the report to the respective state's office of law enforcement records or to the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Any cost associated with the fingerprinting of the petitioner to comply with this section shall be borne by the petitioner.

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

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