

By Senator Dockery

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to name change petitions;
3 amending s. 68.07, F.S.; requiring the petition
4 to contain certain criminal background
5 information; requiring a report to be sent to
6 the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and
7 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
8 Vehicles; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) and
13 subsection (5) of section 68.07, Florida Statutes, are amended
14 to read:

15 68.07 Change of name.--

16 (2) The petition shall be verified and show:

17 (h) Whether petitioner has ever been charged with,
18 pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or found to have committed
19 a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication ~~convicted of a~~
20 ~~felony~~ and if so, when and where.

21 (5) ~~If the petitioner is a convicted felon,~~The clerk
22 must, upon the filing of the final judgment, send a report of
23 the judgment to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on a
24 form to be furnished by that department. The Florida
25 Department of Law Enforcement must send a copy of the report
26 to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, which
27 report may be by electronic transmission.The report must
28 contain sufficient information to identify the ~~original~~
29 ~~criminal record of the~~ petitioner, including fingerprints
30 taken by a law enforcement agency,the new name of the
31 petitioner, and the file number of the judgment. Any costs

1 from fingerprinting must be paid by the petitioner.With
2 respect to a person convicted of a felony in another state or
3 of a federal offense, the Florida Department of Law
4 Enforcement must send the report to the respective state's
5 office of law enforcement records or to the office of the
6 Federal Bureau of Investigation.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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Requires petitions for name changes to show whether the petitioner has been charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or found to have committed a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication. Requires reports of final judgments in such actions to be sent to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, including fingerprints.