

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Dockery

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

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

Section 1. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 68.07,  
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

68.07 Change of name.--

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

(a) That petitioner is a bona fide resident of and  
domiciled in the county where the change of name is sought.

(b) If known, the date and place of birth of  
petitioner, petitioner's father's name, mother's maiden name,  
and where petitioner has resided since birth.

(c) If petitioner is married, the name of petitioner's  
spouse and if petitioner has children, the names and ages of  
each and where they reside.

(d) If petitioner's name has previously been changed  
and when and where and by what court.

(e) Petitioner's occupation and where petitioner is  
employed and has been employed for 5 years next preceding  
filing of the petition. If petitioner owns and operates a  
business, the name and place of it shall be stated and

1 petitioner's connection therewith and how long petitioner has  
2 been identified with said business. If petitioner is in a  
3 profession, the profession shall be stated, where the  
4 petitioner has practiced the profession and if a graduate of a  
5 school or schools, the name or names thereof, time of  
6 graduation, and degrees received.

7 (f) Whether the petitioner has been generally known or  
8 called by any other names and if so, by what names and where.

9 (g) Whether petitioner has ever been adjudicated a  
10 bankrupt and if so, where and when.

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

15 (i) Whether any money judgment has ever been entered  
16 against petitioner and if so, the name of the judgment  
17 creditor, the amount and date thereof, the court by which  
18 entered, and whether the judgment has been satisfied.

19 (j) That the petition is filed for no ulterior or  
20 illegal purpose and granting it will not in any manner invade  
21 the property rights of others, whether partnership, patent,  
22 good will, privacy, trademark, or otherwise.

23 (k) That the petitioner's civil rights have never been  
24 suspended, or if the petitioner's civil rights have been  
25 suspended, that full restoration of civil rights has occurred.

26 (5) ~~If the petitioner is a convicted felon,~~The clerk  
27 must, upon the filing of the final judgment, send a report of  
28 the judgment to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on a  
29 form to be furnished by that department. The Florida  
30 Department of Law Enforcement must send a copy of the report  
31 to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, which

1 report may be by electronic transmission.The report must  
2 contain sufficient information to identify the ~~original~~  
3 ~~criminal record of the petitioner, including fingerprints~~  
4 taken by a law enforcement agency,the new name of the  
5 petitioner, and the file number of the judgment. Any costs  
6 from fingerprinting must be paid by the petitioner.With  
7 respect to a person convicted of a felony in another state or  
8 of a federal offense, the Florida Department of Law  
9 Enforcement must send the report to the respective state's  
10 office of law enforcement records or to the office of the  
11 Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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

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14 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
15 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
16 Senate Bill 2482

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18 Requires that petitioner submit a set of fingerprints, taken  
19 by law enforcement agency, with name change petition.

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