

COLORADO LAWS AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO NAME-CHANGE
PETITIONS

**SELECTED STATUTES/RECENT CHANGES TO COLORADO
LAW AND PROCEDURE (2004-2005)**

1. 2004 CHANGES TO THE NAME-CHANGE STATUTE

CHAPTER 37, COLO. SESS. LAWS OF 2004

THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL 04-1052

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Judd, Boyd, Butcher, Carroll, Frangas, McFadyen,
McGihon, Merrifield, Paccione, Romanoff, and Williams S.;

also SENATOR(S) Dyer, and Grossman.

AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE NAME-CHANGE STATUTE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 13-15-101 (1) (a) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said **13-15-101** is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

13-15-101. Petition – proceedings. (1) (a) Every person desiring to change his or her name may present a **petition** to that effect, verified by affidavit, to the district or county court in the county of the petitioner's residence. The **petition** shall include the petitioner's full name, the new name desired, FOR PERSONS UNDER NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE, THE CAPTION OF ANY PROCEEDING IN WHICH A COLORADO COURT HAS ORDERED CHILD SUPPORT, ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES, OR PARENTING TIME REGARDING THAT PERSON, ~~and~~, for persons fourteen years of age or older, the results of a certified, fingerprint-based criminal history check, and a concise statement of the reason for the desired **name change**.

(1.5) UNLESS THE PETITIONER HAS SHOWN GOOD CAUSE WHY THE PUBLICATION PROVISIONS OF SECTION **13-15-102** SHOULD NOT APPLY, THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE PETITIONER TO PUBLISH NOTICE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION **13-15-102** AND FILE PROOF OF THE PUBLICATION WITH THE COURT.

(2) (a) UPON RECEIPT OF PROOF OF PUBLICATION OR UPON AN ORDER OF THE COURT STATING THAT PUBLICATION IS NOT REQUIRED, the court, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (b) AND (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), shall order the **name change** to be made and spread upon the records of the court in proper form if the court is satisfied that the desired change would be proper and not detrimental to the interests of any other person.