

CHAPTER 111

COURTS

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AN ACT**CONCERNING PERMITTING A NAME CHANGE FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY TO CONFORM WITH THE PERSON'S GENDER IDENTITY.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-15-101, **amend** (3) introductory portion and (3)(b) as follows:

13-15-101. Petition - proceedings - applicability. (3) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (2)~~ SUBSECTION (2)(b) of this section, the court may grant a petition for a change of name ~~of~~ FOR a petitioner who was previously convicted of a felony in this state or any other state, or adjudicated a juvenile delinquent for an offense that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult in this state or any other state or under federal law, if the court finds that the petitioner must have a legal name change in order ~~to be issued~~ FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ISSUE A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD in that name ~~a driver's license or identification card from the department of revenue~~ and if all of the following requirements are met:

(b) (I) The proposed name change is to a name under which the petitioner was convicted or adjudicated; except that, for good cause, the court may allow a change ~~to a~~ OF name other than ~~a~~ THE name under which the petitioner was convicted or adjudicated;

(II) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b), GOOD CAUSE INCLUDES CHANGING THE PETITIONER'S NAME TO CONFORM WITH THE PETITIONER'S GENDER IDENTITY.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-15-102, **amend** (4) as follows:

13-15-102. Publication of change. (4) (a) A petitioner need not give public notice of a name change as required by subsection (1) of this section if the petitioner is changing the petitioner's name to conform with the petitioner's gender identity.

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY REQUIRE A PETITIONER TO GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF A NAME CHANGE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE NAME CHANGE IS REQUESTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-15-101 (3)(b) AND IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE PETITIONER'S NAME TO CONFORM WITH THE PETITIONER'S GENDER IDENTITY.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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