

STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

April 09, 2026

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 2720, an Act relating to dissolution of marriage, including name change requests.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds", written over a circular stamp.

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 2720

AN ACT
RELATING TO DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, INCLUDING NAME CHANGE
REQUESTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:


Section 1. Section 598.37, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

598.37 Name change.

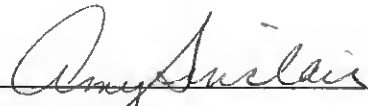
1. a. Either party to a marriage may request as a part of the decree of dissolution or decree of annulment a change in the person's name to either the name appearing on the person's birth certificate or to the name the person had immediately prior to the marriage.

b. If a party requests a name change other than to the name appearing on the person's birth certificate or to the name the person had immediately prior to the marriage, the request shall be made under chapter 674.

2. If a party requests a name change under subsection 1, paragraph "a", the court shall issue a separate document evidencing the name change. The document shall not contain any other information relating to the decree of dissolution or decree of annulment.




PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



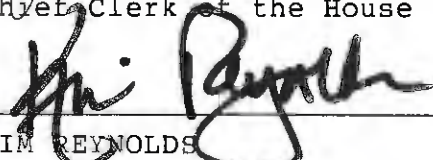
AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2720, Ninety-first General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 9th, 2026



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor