

House File 2257 - Introduced

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BY SODERBERG

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a minor child's petition for a name change.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
3 TLSB 6170HH 82
4 rh/rj/14

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1 1 Section 1. Section 674.6, Code 2007, is amended to read as
1 2 follows:
1 3 674.6 NOTICE == CONSENT.
1 4 1. If the petitioner is married, the petitioner must give
1 5 legal notice to the spouse, in the manner of an original
1 6 notice, of the filing of the petition.
1 7 2. If the petition includes or is filed on behalf of a
1 8 minor child ~~fourteen sixteen~~ years of age or older, the
1 9 child's written consent to the change of name of that child is
1 10 required.
1 11 3. If the petition includes or is filed on behalf of a
1 12 minor child under ~~fourteen sixteen~~, both parents as stated on
1 13 the birth certificate of the minor child shall file their
1 14 written consent to the name change. If one of the parents
1 15 does not consent to the name change, a hearing shall be set on
1 16 the petition on twenty days' notice to the nonconsenting
1 17 parent pursuant to the rules of civil procedure. At the
1 18 hearing the court may waive the requirement of consent as to
1 19 one of the parents if it finds any of the following:
1 20 ~~1.~~ a. That the parent has abandoned the child;
1 21 ~~2.~~ b. That the parent has been ordered to contribute to
1 22 the support of the child or to financially aid in the child's
1 23 birth and has failed to do so without good cause ~~or~~;
1 24 ~~3.~~ c. That the parent does not object to the name change
1 25 after having been given due and proper notice.
1 26 EXPLANATION
1 27 This bill changes the age at which a petition for a name
1 28 change of a minor child may be filed without the consent of
1 29 the minor from under 14 to under 16.
1 30 LSB 6170HH 82
1 31 rh/rj/14