

House File 2436 - Introduced

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BY WELDON

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to dissolution of marriage, including name change
- 2 requests.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

3 **598.37 Name change.**

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

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

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

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 As part of a decree of dissolution or decree of annulment, a
22 party to a marriage may request a change in the person's name to
23 either the name appearing on the person's birth certificate or
24 to the name the person had immediately prior to the marriage.
25 This bill provides that if a party does so, the clerk of court
26 is required to issue a separate document evidencing the party's
27 name change. The bill requires that the document issued does
28 not contain any other information relating to the decree of
29 dissolution or decree of annulment.