

any school district or by the board of directors of any school district prior to July 4, 1943 1960, and placed of record prior to July 4, 1943 1960, which deeds or conveyances purport to sustain the record title, are hereby legalized and made valid, even though the record fails to show that all necessary steps in the sale and deeding of the property were complied with. Such deeds and conveyances are legalized and made valid and effectual, as fully and completely as if the record showed that all provisions of law had been complied with, and that the said sales had been duly authorized by the electors of the school district.

Approved June 30, 1977

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CHAPTER 136  
CHANGE OF NAMES

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AN ACT relating to the number of times a person may change his or her name.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Chapter five hundred ninety-five (595), Code 1977, is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. Upon marriage either party may request a name change to that of the other party or to some other surname mutually agreed upon by the parties. The names used on the marriage license shall become the legal names of the parties to the marriage. The marriage license shall contain a statement that when a name change is requested and affixed to the marriage license, the new name is the legal name of the requesting party. If the parties request a name change, the parties shall submit to the court the information required by section six hundred seventy-four point two (674.2) of the Code, and upon solemnization of the marriage, the clerk of court shall send a certified copy of the marriage license to the recorder's office in every county in this state where real property is owned by either of the parties. An individual can, however, have only one legal name at any one time.

Sec. 2. Section six hundred seventy-four point six (674.6), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

674.6 SPOUSE MUST JOIN. If the petitioner is married, ~~his-or-her~~ the spouse must join in the petition or file ~~his~~

~~or her~~ written consent with the petition.

If the petitioner has a minor child, the petition shall state this fact and shall state all the information about the child that is required of a petitioner in section 674.2. If the minor child is fourteen years of age or older ~~he shall file his,~~ the child's written consent to the change of name of that child is required.

If the petitioner includes a minor child under fourteen in the petition filed in accordance with this chapter, both parents as stated on the birth certificate of the minor child shall file their written consent for the name change. If both parents do not file their consent, the court shall decide the appropriateness of the change of the minor child's name.

Sec. 3. Section six hundred seventy-four point seven (674.7), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

674.7 COPY TO STATE DEPARTMENT. When the court grants a decree of change of name, the clerk of the court shall ~~mail a certified copy to the state registrar of vital statistics of the state department of health and~~ furnish the petitioner with a certified copy of the decree and mail an abstract of a decree requiring a name change to be reflected on a birth certificate to the state registrar of vital statistics of the state department of health on a form provided by the state registrar.

Sec. 4. Section six hundred seventy-four point thirteen (674.13), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

674.13 FURTHER CHANGE BARRED. No person shall change his or her name more than once under the provisions of this chapter unless just cause is shown. However, a person may change his or her name back to the name appearing on his or her original birth certificate after each decree dissolving a marriage is entered, or a person may request a name change to a legal name previously acquired in a former marriage.

Sec. 5. Section six hundred seventy-four point twelve (674.12), Code 1977, is repealed.

Sec. 6. This Act is effective January 1, 1978.

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