

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for a petition to change the name of an adult.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 45.102(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A petition to change the name of an adult must be verified and include:

(1) the present name and place of residence of the petitioner;

(2) the full name requested for the petitioner;

(3) the reason the change in name is requested; ~~and~~

(4) whether the petitioner has been the subject of a final felony conviction; and

(5) a legible and complete set of the petitioner's fingerprints on a fingerprint card format acceptable to the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and applies only to a petition requesting a change of name filed on or after that date. A petition requesting a change of name filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the petition is filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

David Suohunt

President of the Senate

Jim Cradick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 162 was passed by the House on April 24, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Hamey

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 162 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsey Gaud

Secretary of the Senate

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Rick Perry

Governor

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