

Original petition for a name change of an adult in a proceeding that is not part of a divorce or an adoption

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1. Subchapter B of the Texas Family Code generally governs changes of name. Sections 45.101 to 45.106 specify who may file a name change, requirements of the petition, order of the court, liabilities and rights of the person whose name is changed, name changes for divorce, and certification of the name change.

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1. This form should be used in situations that do not involve an adoption or a divorce. This form assumes the case is filed in the district court, but it may be filed in family law courts.

2. Particular care should be paid to the requirements for a name change, specifically, the statements regarding assigned FBI numbers, state identification numbers, if any, or such other identifying information in any criminal history system.

3. Following the change of name, the person whose name has been changed may apply to the clerk of the court for a change of name certificate.

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NO: [Cause Number]

IN THE INTEREST OF

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

[District #] JUDICIAL DISTRICT

[Petitioner Name], An Adult

[COUNTY OF SUIT] COUNTY,
TEXAS

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[Petitioner's name] files this original petition for a change of name and in support of this

petition, states as follows:

1. Discovery Control Plan

1.1 Pursuant to Rule 190 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Petitioner selects Discovery Control Level [1,2, or 3] for discovery that may be conducted in this lawsuit.

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2.1 This suit is brought by [Petitioner Name].

2.2 Petitioner is an adult and pursuant to Sections 45.101 and 45.102 of the Texas Family Code petitioner states the following:

a. Petitioner is a resident of [County, state] and this suit is brought in the county of Petitioner's residence.

b. Petitioner's social security number and driver's license numbers are: [Numbers]

c. Petitioner is a [male or female].

d. Petitioner is a [state Petitioner's race].

e. Petitioner was born as follows: [date and place of birth].

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f. The reason for the requested change of petitioner's name is: [state the specific reasons for the desired name change.]

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g. Petitioner's driver's license history is as follows: [state the following: petitioner's current drivers license number and any driver's licenses issued to the petitioner within the past 10 years. State the date the licenses were issued, the issuing state and the driver's license numbers].

h. Petitioner's Social Security number is _____.

i. Petitioner [has or has not been] the subject of a final felony conviction.

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[if the petitioner has been charged with any offense above the grade of Class C

misdemeanor, then list the charge, the case number, and the court, if a warrant was issued or a charging instrument was filed.

j. Petitioner's FBI or SID number, if known, or other reference number to a criminal-history record system

3. Requested Name Change

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3.1 Petitioner requests this court to grant a change of petitioner's name from [state the current full legal name] to [state the desired new full legal name, first, middle, and last name].

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Petitioner prays that the court grant petitioner's petition for a change of name. Petitioner would show that the change of name is in the interest of, or will benefit the petitioner, and it is in the interest of the public for petitioner's name to be changed. Petitioner prays that any citation or notice

be issued as required by law.

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Petitioner also prays for general relief.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Law Firm Name]

By _____

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[Attorney's Name]

[Attorney for Client Role]

[Attorney's Address]

[Telephone Number]

[Facsimile Number]

[Bar Card Number]

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared [Petitioner Name] known to me, who being by me first duly sworn upon oath to tell the truth and stated and swore under oath that the facts stated in the above original petition for change of name are true and correct and that he or she is the Petitioner in the above entitled and numbered cause, and that he or she is fully competent to make this affidavit

[Petitioner Name]

State of Texas

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ on _____.

Notary Public, State of Texas

Notary's typed or printed name

My commission expires: _____

[or Notary's Stamp]

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STATEMENT ON ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

I AM AWARE THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS TO PROMOTE THE AMICABLE AND NONJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES INVOLVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. I AM AWARE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION METHODS INCLUDING MEDIATION. WHILE I RECOGNIZE THAT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO AND NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR A TRIAL AND THAT THIS CASE MAY BE TRIED IF IT IS NOT SETTLED, I REPRESENT TO THE COURT THAT I WILL ATTEMPT IN GOOD FAITH TO RESOLVE, BEFORE FINAL TRIAL, CONTESTED ISSUES IN THIS CASE BY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF COURT INTERVENTION.

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[Client Signature]

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Decree for a name change for an adult in a proceeding that is not part of a divorce or an adoption

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DECREE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FOR ADULT

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On [date], the hearing was held on [Petitioner Name]'s petition for a change of name.

1. Appearance

Petitioner appeared in person and by and through attorney and announced ready. The making of a record of testimony was waived and the court finds the following:

2. Petitioner

- 2.1. The petitioner is an adult and a resident of [county, state].
- 2.2. The petitioner's full true name is [Petitioner Name].
- 2.3. The petitioner's sex is [male or female].
- 2.4. The petitioner's race is [state Petitioner race].
- 2.5. The petitioner was born as follows: [date and place of birth].
- 2.6. The reason for petitioner's requested name change is [state the specific reasons for the desired name change.]
- 2.7. Petitioner's social security number is [social security number].

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3. Order of the Court

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3.1 The petitioner's change of name is in the interest and to the benefit of the petitioner and is in the interest of the public. It is therefore **ORDERED** that petitioner's name is changed from [prior name] to [New Name: first, middle and last name].

Signed on _____.

JUDGE PRESIDING

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