



SENATE BILL No. 503

March 16, 1993, Introduced by Senator DI NELLO and referred to the Committee on Family Law, Criminal Law, and Corrections.

A bill to amend the title and section 1 of Act No. 299 of the Public Acts of 1905, entitled

"An act to provide for changing and determining the names of divorced women,"

being section 552.391 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. The title and section 1 of Act No. 299 of the
2 Public Acts of 1905, being section 552.391 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4 TITLE

5 An act to provide for changing and determining the names of
6 divorced ~~women~~ PERSONS.

7 Sec. 1. (1) ~~The~~ IF REQUESTED BY A PARTY TO AN ACTION FOR
8 DIVORCE, THE circuit ~~courts of this state, whenever a decree of~~
9 ~~divorce is granted, may, at the instance of the woman, whether~~

1 ~~complainant or defendant, decree to restore to her her birth~~
2 ~~name, or the surname she legally bore prior to her marriage to~~
3 ~~the husband in the divorce action, or allow her~~ COURT MAY ORDER
4 1 OF THE FOLLOWING CONCERNING THE NAME OF THAT PARTY:

5 (A) THE PARTY'S BIRTH NAME BE RESTORED.

6 (B) THE PARTY'S SURNAME LEGALLY BORNE PRIOR TO THE MARRIAGE
7 TO THE OTHER PARTY TO THE DIVORCE ACTION BE RESTORED.

8 (C) THE PARTY BE ALLOWED to adopt another surname if the
9 change is not sought with any fraudulent or evil intent.

10 (2) IF A PARTY TO A DIVORCE ACTION ADOPTED THE SURNAME OF
11 THE OTHER PARTY TO THE DIVORCE ACTION AND ELECTS TO RETAIN THAT
12 SURNAME, THE OTHER PARTY MAY OBJECT TO THAT ELECTION. IF SUCH AN
13 OBJECTION IS MADE, THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE IN ITS DISCRETION
14 WHETHER THE SURNAME MAY BE RETAINED.

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