

HB5382



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/10/2026, by Rep. Justin Slaughter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

735 ILCS 5/21-101

from Ch. 110, par. 21-101

Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Adds provisions allowing a member of a Moorish Science Temple to change or correct the person's name by amending the Tribal Suffix of El or Bey to the person's family name by filing a notarized form with the Secretary of State to do so. Creates a form to use in the process. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by
5 changing Section 21-101 as follows:

6 (735 ILCS 5/21-101) (from Ch. 110, par. 21-101)
7 Sec. 21-101. Proceedings; parties.

8 (a) If any person who is a resident of this State desires
9 to assume another name by which to be afterwards called and
10 known, the person may file a petition requesting that relief
11 in the circuit court of the county wherein he or she resides.
12 The petitioner shall have resided in this State for 3 months at
13 the time of the name change hearing or entry of an order
14 granting the name change.

15 (b) A person who has been convicted of any offense for
16 which a person is required to register under the Sex Offender
17 Registration Act, the Murderer and Violent Offender Against
18 Youth Registration Act, or the Arsonist Registry Act in this
19 State or any other state and who has not been pardoned is not
20 permitted to file a petition for a name change in the courts of
21 this State during the period that the person is required to
22 register, unless that person verifies under oath, as provided
23 under Section 1-109, that the petition for the name change is

1 due to marriage, religious beliefs, status as a victim of
2 trafficking or gender-related identity as defined by the
3 Illinois Human Rights Act. A judge may grant or deny the
4 request for legal name change filed by such persons. Any such
5 persons granted a legal name change shall report the change to
6 the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction of their
7 current registration pursuant to the Duty to Report
8 requirements specified in Section 20 of the Murderer and
9 Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act and Section 6
10 of the Sex Offender Registration Act. For the purposes of this
11 subsection, a person will not face a felony charge if the
12 person's request for legal name change is denied without proof
13 of perjury.

14 (b-1) A person who has been convicted of a felony offense
15 in this State or any other state and whose sentence has not
16 been completed, terminated, or discharged is not permitted to
17 file a petition for a name change in the courts of this State
18 unless that person is pardoned for the offense.

19 (c) A petitioner may include the petitioner's spouse and
20 adult unmarried children, with their consent, and the
21 petitioner's minor children where it appears to the court that
22 it is for their best interest, in the petition and relief
23 requested, and the court's order shall then include the spouse
24 and children. Whenever any minor has resided in the family of
25 any person for the space of 3 years and has been recognized and
26 known as an adopted child in the family of that person, the

1 application herein provided for may be made by the person
2 having that minor in that person's family.

3 An order shall be entered as to a minor only if the court
4 finds by clear and convincing evidence that the change is
5 necessary to serve the best interest of the child. In
6 determining the best interest of a minor child under this
7 Section, the court shall consider all relevant factors,
8 including:

9 (1) The wishes of the child's parents and any person
10 acting as a parent who has physical custody of the child.

11 (2) The wishes of the child and the reasons for those
12 wishes. The court may interview the child in chambers to
13 ascertain the child's wishes with respect to the change of
14 name. Counsel shall be present at the interview unless
15 otherwise agreed upon by the parties. The court shall
16 cause a court reporter to be present who shall make a
17 complete record of the interview instantaneously to be
18 part of the record in the case.

19 (3) The interaction and interrelationship of the child
20 with the child's parents or persons acting as parents who
21 have physical custody of the child, step-parents,
22 siblings, step-siblings, or any other person who may
23 significantly affect the child's best interest.

24 (4) The child's adjustment to the child's home,
25 school, and community.

26 (d) If it appears to the court that the conditions and

1 requirements under this Article have been complied with and
2 that there is no reason why the relief requested should not be
3 granted, the court, by an order to be entered of record, may
4 direct and provide that the name of that person be changed in
5 accordance with the relief requested in the petition. If the
6 circuit court orders that a name change be granted to a person
7 who has been adjudicated or convicted of a felony or
8 misdemeanor offense under the laws of this State or any other
9 state for which a pardon has not been granted, or has an arrest
10 for which a charge has not been filed or a pending charge on a
11 felony or misdemeanor offense, a copy of the order, including
12 a copy of each applicable access and review response, shall be
13 forwarded to the Illinois State Police. The Illinois State
14 Police shall update any criminal history transcript or
15 offender registration of each person 18 years of age or older
16 in the order to include the change of name as well as his or
17 her former name.

18 (e) If any person who is a resident of this State and a
19 member, in good standing, of a lawfully chartered and
20 incorporated Moorish Science Temple, desires to change or
21 correct the person's name by amending the Tribal Suffix of El
22 or Bey to the family name or to assume another name by which to
23 be afterwards called and known for religious reasons, the
24 person may file a notarized form with the Office of the
25 Secretary of State to legally change or correct the person's
26 name claiming a religious exemption, substantially in the

1 following form:

2 (1) I(name of affiant) bear witness
3 and affirm in truth that I have proclaimed my nationality
4 with, and am a member, in good standing of, the Moorish Science
5 Temple of America, a religious congregation and corporation
6 founded in Newark, New Jersey in 1913 by Prophet Noble Drew Ali
7 and incorporated in Illinois in 1928, via Subordinate (or
8 Grand as the case may be) Temple Number and resident of
9 (Address of Affiant), (City), Illinois, Zip Code;

10 (2) Subordinate (or Grand as the case may be) Temple is
11 lawfully chartered at;

12 (3) The Grand Sheik (Grand Sheikess, Governor, Governess,
13 Grand Governor or Grand Governess as the case may be) of my
14 Temple is;

15 (4) The Secretary of my Temple is (Name of Temple
16 Secretary).;

17 (5) The Treasurer of my Temple is (Name of Temple
18 Treasurer).;

19 (6) I do hereby declare that I am a Moslem under the Divine
20 Laws of The Holy Koran of Mecca, Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom,

1 and Justice. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah and
2 Noble Drew Ali is His and my Holy and Divine Prophet.

3 (7) I understand that this identification card or driver's
4 license is valid only as long as I remain in obedience to Act 7
5 of the Divine Constitution and By Laws of the Moorish Science
6 Temple of America and Additional Laws for the
7 Moorish-Americans by Prophet Noble Drew Ali and will be
8 subject to suspension after the 3rd notice made from the
9 Temple Secretary to the Secretary of noncompliance therewith.
10 I further understand that this this identification card or
11 driver's license expires at the end of the next and every
12 preceding Annual National Convention of the Moorish Science
13 Temple of America, unless I have remained in good standing and
14 it is reported by the Secretary of the Temple to the Secretary
15 of the State no later than 30 days after the close of the next
16 and every preceding Annual National Convention of the Moorish
17 Science Temple of America, respectively.

18 (8) The former name by which I was known or given at birth
19 was (Insert former First, Middle, Last, Suffix name of
20 Affiant).

21 (9) The name to be displayed on my government issued
22 identification cards and records is (insert current First,
23 Middle, Last, Suffix name of Affiant for religious purposes).

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3 (10) I further give the Secretary of the State limited
4 power of attorney to correct, order, or request the correction
5 or other changes as may be necessary, to any State, federal, or
6 municipal records in which my name or nationality does not
7 reflect the name declared above, the Nationality of:
8 Moorish-American and race of: Asiatic, and the delivery of
9 updated copies of the same to my address herein provided.

10 (11) My current State identification or driver's license
11 number is

12 (12) The last 4 digits of my Social Security number is . .
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14 (e-1) The recording of the information provided in the
15 affidavit and the completion of any administrative processes
16 necessary to correct, edit, order or request the correction or
17 other changes to any State, federal, or municipal records in
18 which the affiant's name or nationality does not reflect the
19 name declared in the affidavit, the Nationality of:
20 Moorish-American and race of: Asiatic, and the delivery of
21 updated copies of the same to the address therein provided.

1 (e-2) The creation and maintenance of a secure database of
2 the members of the Moorish Science Temple of America in the
3 State of Illinois, in good standing, comprised of the data
4 from the membership rolls of any lawfully chartered
5 Subordinate (or Grand as the case may be) Temple of the Moorish
6 Science Temple of America in Illinois, submitted to the
7 Secretary of the State by the Secretary of the respective
8 Temple.

9 (e-3) This secured database shall be updated by no later
10 than 7:00 AM every Monday to include any new members who have
11 recently joined.

12 (e-4) The Secretary of the State shall create and provide
13 technical assistance and training to its employees and the
14 Secretaries of the Moorish Science Temple of America, their
15 designees, or staff as may be necessary for the implementation
16 of this Act.

17 (e-5) The Secretary of State shall be authorized to create
18 and make available the change or correction of name affidavit
19 template and take all other necessary measures for the
20 implementation of this Act within 60 days of its enactment
21 into law.

22 (e-6) The Secretary of State shall consult and collaborate
23 with members of the community, designated by the Moorish
24 Science Temple of America, Inc., to provide cultural

1 competence in the design, implementation, and enforcement of
2 this Act.

3 (e-7)The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to implement
4 this Act.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-1133, eff. 1-1-24;
6 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 103-609, eff. 7-1-24; 103-1063, eff.
7 3-1-25.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.