

1-1 By: Whitmire S.B. No. 581
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 24, 2017; February 8, 2017,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 March 15, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; March 15, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Whitmire	X		
1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Burton	X		
1-12	Creighton	X		
1-13	Garcia	X		
1-14	Hughes	X		
1-15	Menéndez	X		
1-16	Perry	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the requirements for a change of name for a person with
1-20 a final felony conviction or a person required to register as a sex
1-21 offender.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 45.103, Family Code, is amended by
1-24 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read
1-25 as follows:

1-26 (b) A court may order a change of name under this subchapter
1-27 for a person with a final felony conviction if:

1-28 (1) ~~(1)~~ in addition to the requirements of Subsection
1-29 (a), the person has:

1-30 (A) ~~(A)~~ received a certificate of discharge by
1-31 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or completed a period of
1-32 community supervision or juvenile probation ordered by a court and
1-33 not less than two years have passed from the date of the receipt of
1-34 discharge or completion of community supervision or juvenile
1-35 probation; or

1-36 (B) ~~(B)~~ been pardoned; or

1-37 (2) the person is requesting to change the person's
1-38 name to the primary name used in the person's criminal history
1-39 record information.

1-40 (c) A court may order a change of name under this subchapter
1-41 for a person subject to the registration requirements of Chapter
1-42 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, if the person:

1-43 (1) meets ~~in addition to~~ the requirements of
1-44 Subsection (a) or is requesting to change the person's name to the
1-45 primary name used in the person's criminal history record
1-46 information; and

1-47 (2) ~~(2)~~ the person provides the court with proof that the
1-48 person has notified the appropriate local law enforcement authority
1-49 of the proposed name change.

1-50 (d) In this section:

1-51 (1) "Criminal history record information" has the
1-52 meaning assigned by Section 411.082, Government Code.

1-53 (2) "Local ~~subsection, "local~~ law enforcement
1-54 authority" has the meaning assigned by Article 62.001, Code of
1-55 Criminal Procedure.

1-56 SECTION 2. Section 45.103, Family Code, as amended by this
1-57 Act, applies only to a petition for a change of name that is filed on
1-58 or after the effective date of this Act. A petition filed before
1-59 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
1-60 the date the petition was filed, and the former law is continued in
1-61 effect for that purpose.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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