

House Bill 3555

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE

SUMMARY

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Digest: Allows a party to change a middle name for marriage or partnership. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Allows a party who is entering into marriage or a registered domestic partnership to change the party's middle name back to the party's middle name at birth.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to name changes; amending ORS 106.220 and 106.335.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 106.220 is amended to read:

106.220. (1) Upon entering into marriage, either party may:

(a) Retain the party's middle name, if any, and surname prior to the marriage;

(b) Retain the party's middle name, if any, and change the party's surname to the surname of the other party;

(c) Either retain or remove the party's middle name, if any, and change the party's surname to one surname or a combination of surnames, or names within the surnames, of either or both parties, with or without a hyphen;

(d) Change the party's middle name, if any, to the party's **middle name or** surname at birth or prior to the marriage; or

(e) Add to the party's middle name, if any, the party's surname at birth or prior to the marriage and change the party's surname to the surname of the other party.

(2) Each party must indicate on the application, license and record of marriage the party's name after marriage.

(3) The name of each party after marriage as indicated on the application, license and record of marriage shall become the sole legal name of each party after marriage. If a party indicates a name change other than as described in subsection (1) of this section, the party shall request approval of the court pursuant to ORS 33.410.

(4) As used in this section, "middle name" and "surname" mean a name that may consist of one or more different names.

SECTION 2. ORS 106.335 is amended to read:

106.335. (1) Upon entering into a domestic partnership, either party to the domestic partnership may:

(a) Retain the party's middle name, if any, and surname prior to the domestic partnership;

(b) Retain the party's middle name, if any, and change the party's surname to the surname of the other party;

(c) Either retain or remove the party's middle name, if any, and change the party's surname to

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 one surname or a combination of surnames, or names within the surnames, of either or both parties,
2 with or without a hyphen;

3 (d) Change the party's middle name, if any, to the party's **middle name or** surname at birth or
4 prior to the domestic partnership; or

5 (e) Add to the party's middle name, if any, the party's surname at birth or prior to the domestic
6 partnership and change the party's surname to the surname of the other party.

7 (2) Each party must indicate on the Declaration of Domestic Partnership the party's name after
8 domestic partnership.

9 (3) The name of each party after domestic partnership as indicated on the Declaration of Do-
10 mestic Partnership shall become the sole legal name of each party after domestic partnership. If a
11 party indicates a name change other than as described in subsection (1) of this section, the party
12 shall request approval of the court pursuant to ORS 33.410.

13 (4) As used in this section, "middle name" and "surname" mean a name that may consist of one
14 or more different names.

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