
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SURRA, DeLUCA AND WALKO, APRIL 1, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 1, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 54 (Names) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, requiring the domestic relations section to
3 investigate child support files.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 54 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 702.1. Domestic relations section to investigate child
9 support files.

10 (a) General rule.--The domestic relations section serving
11 the court of common pleas of the county in which a person
12 applies for a change of name shall conduct an investigation of
13 all child support files to determine if the applicant owes or is
14 paying child support. The domestic relations section also shall
15 contact the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare to
16 determine if the applicant owes support in another county or

1 state. The applicant shall provide his Social Security number to
2 the court and to the domestic relations section on a form not
3 open to public review.

4 (b) Those owing child support.--The court may order a change
5 of name for anyone owing child support, but shall notify the
6 domestic relations section or other office or agency in charge
7 of the support case and the Department of Public Welfare of the
8 change of name and the Social Security number of the person
9 granted a change of name.

10 Section 2. The Department of Public Welfare shall draft
11 rules and regulations and shall print the form necessary to
12 comply with the requirements of this act.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.