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INTRODUCED BY B. SMITH, GANNON, CALTAGIRONE, DALEY, CLARK,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 8, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 54 (Names) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, regulating change of name after conviction of a
3 felony.

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

6 Section 1. Section 702 of Title 54 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 702. Change by order of court.

9 (a) General Rule.--The court of common pleas of any county
10 may by order change the name of any person resident in the
11 county.

12 (b) Convicted felons.--

13 (1) The court may order a change of name for a person
14 convicted of a felony, subject to provisions of paragraph

15 (2), if:

16 (i) at least two calendar years have elapsed from
17 the date of completion of a person's sentence and that
18 person is not subject to the probation or parole

1 jurisdiction of any court, county probation agency or the
2 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole; or

3 (ii) the person has been pardoned.

4 (2) The court may not order a change of name for a
5 person convicted of murder, voluntary manslaughter, rape,
6 involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, robbery as defined in
7 18 Pa.C.S. § 3701(a)(1)(i) (relating to robbery), aggravated
8 assault as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702(a)(1) or (2)
9 (relating to aggravated assault), arson as defined in 18
10 Pa.C.S. § 3301(a) (relating to arson and related offenses),
11 kidnapping, or robbery of a motor vehicle, or criminal
12 contempt, criminal conspiracy or criminal solicitation to
13 commit any of the offenses listed above, or an equivalent
14 crime under the laws of this Commonwealth in effect at the
15 time of the commission of that offense, or an equivalent
16 crime in another jurisdiction.

17 (3) The court shall notify the Office of Attorney
18 General and the office of the district attorney of the county
19 in which the person resides when a change of name for a
20 person convicted of a felony has been ordered.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.