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House Bill 4523

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Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4523 AS INTRODUCED 3-22-89

Public Act 299 of 1905, entitled "an act to provide for changing and determining the names of divorced women", allows the circuit court granting a divorce to authorize the newly-divorced woman to adopt her birth name or another surname. The bill would replace language specific to women with gender-neutral language. On or after the date of divorce, and if requested by a party to the divorce, the circuit court could authorize the party's birth name or another surname to be restored or adopted.

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