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**POST-DIVORCE NAME CHANGE**

**House Bill 4727**

**Sponsor: Rep. Thomas L. Hickner**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Complete to 5-20-91**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4727 AS INTRODUCED 4-18-91**

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. If requested by a party to the divorce, the court could, on or after the date the divorce was granted, order that the party's birth name or another surname to be restored or adopted.

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