HOUSE BILL No. 4727

April 18, 1991, Introduced by Rep. Hickner and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend the title and section 1 of Act No. 299 of the Public Acts of 1905, entitled

"An act to provide for changing and determining the names of divorced women,"

being section 552.391 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. The title and section 1 of Act No. 299 of the
- 2 Public Acts of 1905, being section 552.391 of the Michigan
- 3 Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:
- 4 TITLE
- 5 An act to provide for changing and determining the names of
- 6 divorced -women PERSONS.
- 7 Sec. 1. —The— IF REQUESTED BY A PARTY TO AN ACTION FOR
- 8 DIVORCE, THE circuit courts of this state, whenever a decree of
- 9 divorce is granted, may, at the instance of the woman, whether

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- 1 complainant or defendant, decree to restore to her her birth
- 2 name, or the surname she legally bore prior to her marriage to
- 3 the husband in the divorce action, or allow her COURT MAY ORDER
- 4 ON OR AFTER THE DATE THE JUDGMENT OF DIVORCE IS ENTERED 1 OF THE
- 5 FOLLOWING CONCERNING THE NAME OF THAT PARTY:
- 6 (A) THE PARTY'S BIRTH NAME BE RESTORED.
- 7 (B) THE PARTY'S SURNAME LEGALLY BORNE PRIOR TO THE MARRIAGE
- 8 TO THE OTHER PARTY TO THE DIVORCE ACTION BE RESTORED.
- 9 (C) THE PARTY BE ALLOWED to adopt another surname if the
- 10 change is not sought with -any A fraudulent or evil intent.