

HOUSE BILL No. 4523

March 22, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Hickner and DeMars 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 circuit courts of this state, whenever a~~
8 ~~decree of divorce is granted, may, at the instance of the woman,~~
9 ~~whether complainant or defendant, decree to restore to her her~~

~~1 birth name, or the surname she legally bore prior to her marriage~~
~~2 to the husband in the divorce action, or allow her to adopt~~
~~3 another surname~~ IF REQUESTED BY A PARTY TO A DIVORCE ACTION, THE
4 CIRCUIT COURT MAY ORDER ON OR AFTER THE DATE THE JUDGMENT OF
5 DIVORCE IS ENTERED THAT THE PARTY'S BIRTH NAME BE RESTORED, THAT
6 A SURNAME PREVIOUSLY BORNE BY THE PARTY BE RESTORED, OR THAT ANY
7 OTHER SURNAME MAY BE ADOPTED BY THE PARTY if the change is not
8 sought with any fraudulent or evil intent.