HOUSE BILL No. 4575

April 10, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Terrell, Clack, DeMars, Hunter, Stallworth, Honigman, Bennane, Harrison, Leland, Joe Young, Sr., Kilpatrick, Power, Sikkema, Martin and Bandstra and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 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. Section 1 of Act No. 299 of the Public Acts of
- 2 1905, being section 552.391 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
- 3 amended to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 1. The circuit courts of this state, whenever a
- 5 decree of divorce is granted, may WHEN A DIVORCE JUDGMENT IS
- 6 ENTERED, THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT, at the instance of the
- 7 woman, whether SHE IS complainant or defendant, MAY decree to
- 8 restore to her her birth name, or the surname she legally bore
- 9 prior to BEFORE her marriage to the husband in the divorce

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- 1 action, or allow her to adopt another surname. If the change is
- 2 not sought with any fraudulent or evil intent.
- 3 Section 2. (1) This amendatory act shall take effect
- 4 January 1, 1990.
- 5 (2) This amendatory act shall not take effect unless Senate
- 6 Bill No. ___ or House Bill No. 4567 (request no. 01659'89) of
- 7 the 85th Legislature is enacted into law.