

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25329

This bill has been proposed by the Supreme Court to correct and clarify provisions in the statutes regarding name changes. First, it clarifies who can petition for a name change for a minor. It also provides that an emancipated minor may petition for a name change. Second, it specifies the relatives of the minor who must be listed in the name change petition and who must be given notice of the hearing on the name change. This will provide a clear procedure for changing the name of a minor and will ensure that persons with an interest in such a name change will have the opportunity to bring their concerns to the attention of the court. Finally, it updates the provision for publishing notice of a hearing on a name change petition.

### FISCAL NOTE

This bill clarifies court procedures and its implementation does not require any additional expenditures. Consequently, the bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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