

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19529

Under current law, applicants for a judicial name change are required to publish a Notice of Hearing in a newspaper or post it in three (3) public places for four (4) weeks. The contents of the Notice of Hearing are established by statute and include several pieces of personal identifying information. The publication of this type of information can assist unscrupulous persons in perpetrating identity theft. Some of these items are also answers to commonly used "security questions" for online and banking purposes, such as place of birth and father's name. In addition, publishing home address information could result in an applicant experiencing unwanted attention or even bodily injury.

This bill would not change the requirement for publication of a Notice of Hearing to give notice of the contemplated name change to creditors and other interested parties. It would simply eliminate some pieces of personal identifying information from the required publication. All existing requirements for personal information to be included in court filings would also remain the same.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the General Fund.

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