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NETWORK

Name Change (for Minor)

Notice: We are not a legal center and the resources we provide is only to make your name and gender changes easier. Laws also change so the process may be different than when we created this document. We always recommend talking to legal professionals before changing your name as a minor.

Overview

In order for you to be able to change your name as a minor, you need to have consent from your parent(s) or legal guardian. They will be the one who are required to file the following documents. Changing a minors name legally can be complex if one parent doesn't want the child's name to be changed. For example, if you have two parents and one parent doesn't want your name to change, then things might get more complicated. We recommend that if you want your name changed as a minor, talk to your parents and their lawyer to make sure your doing everything correctly.

Getting Started

Give your parent or guardian this document package for them to fill out.

For Parents: You need to have written permission that is notarized from the other parent to change the name of your child. If you don't know the other parent or don't know where they are, you need to show that you've made an effort to reach out.

Whenever you change your child's legal name, you need to give the reasons for wanting their name changed and to make sure it is not for fraudulent purposes.

Legal Forms

Attached to this cover is all the documents you need to get your name legally changed. You can edit this PDF as you fill it in.

Visit our site at transequalitynetwork.org/name-and-gender-change and follow along with the name change sections for a more detailed look on what to do. Just know that the only major difference is the consent of both parents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHOOSE COUNTY COUNTY, ARKANSAS
_____ DIVISION

NAME OF PERSON FILING,
As guardian and next friend of
MINOR'S CURRENT NAME, a minor

PETITIONER

CASE NO. _____

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

COMES NOW the Petitioner, NAME OF PERSON FILING, as guardian and next friend of MINOR'S CURRENT NAME, a minor, who in support of HIS/HER Petition for Name Change, states the following:

1. MINOR'S CURRENT NAME, is under the age of eighteen (18) years, and resides in CHOOSE COUNTY County, Arkansas.
2. Petitioner is the minor's RELATION TO MINOR and legal guardian of HIM/HER.
3. The minor's name is currently MINOR'S CURRENT NAME.
4. The minor's name should be changed to MINOR'S NEW NAME because STATE REASONS FOR CHANGING MINOR'S NAME.
5. The minor's MOTHER, FATHER OR PARENTS have consented to the name change.
6. The Petitioner does not seek the name change for fraudulent purposes.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Court enter an order changing the minor's name to MINOR'S NEW NAME and further order the Arkansas Department of Health to issue a new birth certificate for the minor, with the birth name changed from MINOR'S CURRENT NAME to MINOR'S NEW NAME, and for all other just and proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

NAME OF PERSON FILING,
as Guardian and Next Friend of
MINOR'S CURRENT NAME

Signature

Address: STREET ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP
Phone: PHONE NUMBER

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CASE NO. _____

ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME

On this date, comes before the Court the Petition for Change of Name presented by NAME OF PERSON FILING, as guardian and next friend of the minor, MINOR'S CURRENT NAME. The Petitioner appearing, *pro se*. No other parties appearing in this action. From the petition filed herein and other proof before it, being well and sufficiently advised in the premises, the Court, FINDS and ORDERS:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter, and venue is proper
2. The minor's MOTHER, FATHER OR PARENTS HAS/HAVE consented to these proceedings, said consent(s) having been filed of record.
3. The Petitioner has shown reasonable cause for changing the minor child's name from MINOR'S CURRENT NAME to MINOR'S NEW NAME.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of the minor child be changed from MINOR'S CURRENT NAME to MINOR'S NEW NAME and that the child shall hereinafter be known as MINOR'S NEW NAME.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that HE/SHE shall sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, by the name MINOR'S NEW NAME.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Arkansas Department of Health Division of Vital Records issue a new birth certificate showing the child's name as MINOR'S NEW NAME.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

Date: _____

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHOOSE COUNTY COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 _____ DIVISION

NAME OF PERSON FILING,
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PETITIONER

CASE NO. _____

WAIVER OF NOTICE, ENTRY OF APPEARANCE
AND CONSENT TO NAME CHANGE

I, NAME OF MOTHER/FATHER, having been duly sworn, state that I am the natural MOTHER OR FATHER of MINOR'S CURRENT NAME. I hereby expressly and specifically consent that said child's name may be changed from MINOR'S CURRENT NAME to MINOR'S NEW NAME.

I hereby waive service of summons and any and all notice that may by law be required to be given me, and I hereby enter my appearance generally and for all purposes in the name change proceedings commenced or to be commenced by NAME OF PERSON FILING, legal guardian of said minor, in the Circuit Court of COUNTY County, Arkansas, in the above-styled proceeding.

I further hereby consent that an Order of Name Change may be entered by said court upon the petition of NAME OF PERSON FILING, without further notice to me.

I acknowledge that at the time of signing this pleading I am of sound mind, am under no undue influence, and have attained the age of majority.

VERIFICATION

STATE OF _____)
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 COUNTY OF _____)

I, NAME OF MOTHER/FATHER, being duly sworn, do hereby affirm that the facts contained in the foregoing statement are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

 NAME OF MOTHER/FATHER

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

 Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

(SEAL)