

**PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**IN RE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Petitioner (Print or Type)**

**Docket No.** \_\_\_\_\_

Comes now the petitioner requesting change of name and makes oath and/or affirmation that the following facts are correct and complete:

1. My full name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Current Legal Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_ County, Tennessee, residing at \_\_\_\_\_.

I am a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I am more than 18 years of age. I was born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ County. The name given to me at birth was  
(City)

\_\_\_\_\_ as reflected on my birth certificate issued by the State of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. All other names and aliases by which I have been identified since birth are (state in chronological order and attach a copy of a court order or other document for all legal name changes):

\_\_\_\_\_

4. I desire to change my name from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The reasons for the name change are:

\_\_\_\_\_.

6. The change of my name will not adversely affect the rights of any minor children nor require that their names be changed. I am not seeking this change of name to evade the claims of my creditors, to evade legal process, nor for any other unlawful purpose.

7. a) Have you been convicted of a felony? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer "Yes" to question 7a, complete question 7b.

b) I have been convicted of the felony of \_\_\_\_\_.

8. In support of this Petition, I attach copies of my birth certificate, photo identification (such as a driver's license, passport or comparable photo identification), and social security card.

I swear or affirm that I have read the Petition and the facts are correct and complete.

**Petitioner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Clerk and Master, \_\_\_\_\_ D.C.

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## **INFORMATION SHEET FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE IN CHANCERY COURT**

***In accordance with T.C.A. § 29-8-102, you must be a resident of Tennessee to petition for a name change in Chancery Court.***

Chancery Court requires the petition to first be filed. Once filed, the case is randomly assigned to one of the Chancellors. You are then notified of the date the petition is set for hearing. The hearing date is usually within three to four weeks after the petition is filed.

### **DOCUMENTS TO BRING WITH YOU**

1. Completed Petition form for an adult name change.
2. A copy of your birth certificate.
3. Photo identification (such as a driver's license, passport or comparable photo identification).
4. Social security card.
5. Proof of residency. Such proof may be a current lease, payroll stub, recent utility bill or similar document.
6. Filing fee.

The information provided by the Clerk and Master's Office regarding name change petitions is a general guide, and not intended to cover every possible name change scenario. The granting of a name change, including what documents are sufficient, is a decision made by the Chancellor. The Clerk and Master's Office is prohibited from providing legal advice, other than the advice to seek the assistance of an attorney.

# NAME CHANGE! SIMULATOR

## What Happens Now?

Lauren here! Congrats on getting your name change forms all buttoned-up and ready to go. But we can't celebrate quite yet: just having your forms in hand is but one part of the process. You'll need to take care of the rest of this stuff outside of my office...

But, don't sweat: I've prepped this handy checklist for you to take with you, free of charge! So feel free to save a copy, print it out, write all over it – whatever helps you the most!

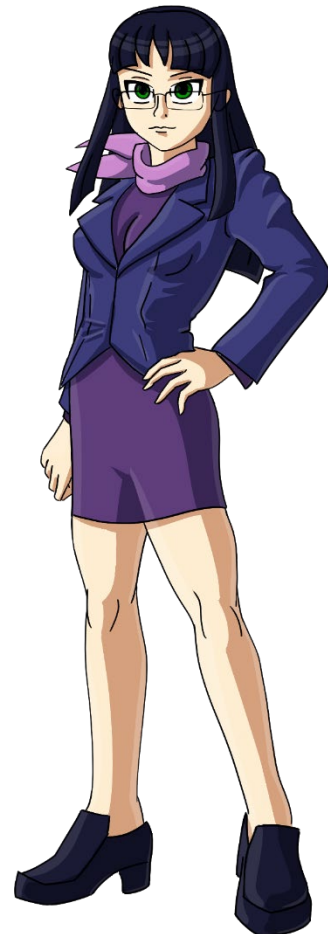
### Your To-Do List:

**State:** Tennessee

- Take your name petition to a local notary, and get it notarized.
- **Contact your local Chancery Court** to see if any additional forms may be required. ([List of Courts and Counties here](#))
- At your local chancery court, file your petition. **This requires a fee of \$200.**
- *(Once given your court date by the clerk)* Appear in court and request your name change. If approved, you will receive a court order for your name change.

Remember! If the court asks you why you want to change your name, the following is perfectly acceptable: ***"I want a name that more accurately reflects my gender identity."***

*Note: You may be required to show additional documents during this process. Bring your Driver's License, Birth Certificate or Passport, and copies of bills showing your current address to any notary or court visit you make!*



After that – congratulations! You’ve got a bona-fide court order in hand, and your new name is – legally speaking – rightfully yours!

Next, you’ll want to get started updating your name with other government agencies:

- [Social Security Administration](#) (you **must** do this first before the DDS!)
- [Tennessee Department of Driver Services](#)
  - *(you must make an appointment at a Driver Services Center)*
  - Make sure to bring your court order and current license.
  - This will cost anywhere from **\$8-16**.
  - [More info here.](#)