



PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Case No. _____
Court _____
County _____
Division _____

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME FOR _____

COME(S) THE PETITIONER(S), *(choose one)*:

☐ _____ and _____,
living parents of the above-captioned minor (minor refers to child under age 18, see KRS 401.020); **or**

☐ _____, surviving parent of above-captioned minor; **or**

☐ _____, guardian of above-captioned minor; **or**

☒ above-captioned adult, **AND IN SUPPORT OF THIS PETITION STATE(S)**:

1. The original name is _____.
2. The desired name change is _____.
3. Birthdate (MM/DD/YY) of minor/adult is _____.
4. Birth location (city, county, state) of minor/adult is: _____.
5. Minor/Adult currently resides in the county in which this Petition is filed. His/Her address is:
_____.
6. Purpose of desired name change is: _____.

_____. I understand identity theft is a Class D Felony in Kentucky. KRS 514.160. **I am not requesting this name change to avoid a legal obligation or evade prosecution.**

7. **For petition of minor with two living parents:** Per KRS 401.020, if a parent refuses or is unavailable to execute this Petition, **proper notice** of its filing **shall be made on absent parent** pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure.

Father: _____

Address: _____

Mother: _____

Address: _____

WHEREFORE, Petitioner(s) pray(s) for an Order for Change of Name.

Dated: _____, 2____.

Petitioner's Signature

Phone number: (____) _____

Petitioner's Signature

Phone number: (____) _____

Attorney Name: _____

HEARING

Schedule hearing for _____, 2____

at _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m.

Judge

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

_____, 2____.

My commission expires: _____, 2____.

Notary

Note: File this Petition in the Circuit Clerk's Office in the county in which you reside.

Distribution for Hearing Notice: Petitioner(s) OR Attorney for Petitioner(s), if any



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: Kentucky

- Take your name change Forms to a registered notary and get them signed.
- Go to your county's local circuit court and file your Petition for Name Change. **This costs a small fee (around \$30.00).**
- Wait for your court hearing. You'll be notified whether or not you must appear in court.
- Receive a Court order for your name change in the mail, **OR** appear in court. You'll receive the court order at the end of the hearing.

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 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](#)
- [Kentucky Department of Motor Vehicles](#)

