**SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT**

**PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

This form is intended for individuals seeking to legally change their first and/or last name who:

* + are younger than 18

**Instructions:**

1. Be sure you have the correct petition.

2. Fill in the blanks with 100% accurate information. *Any false statement made under oath contained in the foregoing petition may constitute perjury.*

3.If you have trouble reading, writing, or understanding what is in this motion, seek help at your parish’s judicial district court.

**What you will Need:**

1. Your social security number
2. The necessary court costs by cash or check.

**{{ district\_court1 }} JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**{{ filing\_parish1 }} PARISH**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Case No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**{{ PArent\_first\_name }}{{ PArent\_Middle\_name }}{{ PArent\_LAst\_name }}**

**vs.**

**{{ district\_attorney1 }}, DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

**FILED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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#### SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT

#### PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

**I. PETITIONER**

Petitioner seeks name change on behalf of their minor child: {{ child\_first\_name }}{{ child\_middle\_name }} {{ child\_last\_name }} (child’s name), born on {{ child\_birthdate }}, with social security number {{ social\_security\_number }}, and domiciled in {{ child\_domicile }} Parish, Louisiana, wants to change his/her name to **{{ new\_first\_name }}{{ new\_middle\_name }}{{ new\_last\_name }}** for the following reason(s):

**II. REASON[S] FOR NAME CHANGE**

{{ name\_change\_reason }}

**III. LAW GOVERNING NAME CHANGE**

This proceeding is brought under LSA—R.S. 13:14751-13:4755, and it is thus mandatory that the district attorney of this parish be served with a copy of this petition and be cited to answer it.

**IV. PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays for judgment changing their minor child’s name from {{ child\_first\_name }}{{ child\_middle\_name }} {{ child\_last\_name }} to **{{ new\_first\_name }}{{ new\_middle\_name }}{{ new\_last\_name }}.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

{{ child\_first\_name }}{{ child\_middle\_name }} {{ child\_last\_name }}

{{ address }}{{ city }}{{ state }}{{ zip\_code }}

{{telephone\_number}}

{{mother\_signature}}

{{father\_signature}}

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# JUDGMENT

The Court, having considered the Petition for Name Change, together with the answer filed by the District Attorney for the District Court in and for the Parish of {{ filing\_parish1 }}, State of Louisiana, and for the reasons assigned this date:

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that there is judgment herein, granting the Petition for Name change, and changing the legal name of : {{ child\_first\_name }} {{ child\_middle\_name }} {{ child\_last\_name }} to **{{ new\_first\_name }} {{ new\_middle\_name }} {{ new\_last\_name }}** pursuant to the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 13:4751, et seq.

JUDGMENT READ, RENDERED, AND SIGNED AT {{ filing\_parish1 }} PARISH, LOUISIANA, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 .

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**JUDGE, {{ judicial\_district1 }} JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**PARENTAL INFORMATION**

1. Are you the parent of the child whose name you want to change? **{{ answer1 }}**

If no, are you the child’s tutor (i.e. guardian)? **{{ answer2 }}**

If no, stop. Seek assistance of an attorney. Louisiana law requires that where neither the mother or father is living and there’s no tutor, a special tutor appointed by the judge to sign the petition on behalf of the child. (La. R.S. 13:4751C(3)

2. Are both parents of the child living? **{{ answer3 }}**

**NOTE: If the other parent is deceased, you may have to provide a Death Certificate or other proof of death.**

If yes, are they married? **{{ answer4 }}**

1. Are the parents in agreement with changing the child’s name? **{{ answer4 }}**

If yes, will the other parent sign the petition for the name change? **{{ answer5 }}**

If no, will the other parent provide a letter approving the child’s name change? **{{ answer6 }}**

If no, have you been granted legal custody of the child by a court of law? **{{ answer7 }}**

If yes, has the other parent been served with a copy of the petition? **{{ answer8 }}**

If no, Stop. Seek the assistance of an attorney.

If yes, does either of the following situations apply: (Check one)

* The other parent has refused or failed to comply with a court order of support for a period of one year.
* The other parent has failed to support the child for a period of three years after judgment awarding custody to the parent signing the petition.
* The other parent is not paying support and has refused or failed to visit, communicate, or attempt to communicate with the child without just cause for a period of two years.

**NOTE: If you have been awarded custody of the child, you may have to provide a a copy of the court order and other proof of nonsupport and/or parental involvement by the other parent.**

1. Have the other parent’s parental rights for the child been stopped by a court of law? **{{ answer9 }}**

**NOTE: If the other parent’s rights have been stopped by a court, you will have to provide a copy of the court order.**

**PETITIONING PARENT’S/GUARDIAN’S INFORMATION**

1. Are you incarcerated, on parole, or on probation? **{{ answer10 }}**

If yes, Stop. Seek the assistance of an attorney.

1. Have you been convicted of a crime? **{{ answer11 }}**

If yes, Stop. Seek the assistance of an attorney.

1. Are you responsible for paying child support? **{{ answer12 }}**

If yes, are your child support obligations satisfied/up-to-date? **{{ answer13 }}**

If no, Stop. Seek the assistance of an attorney.

**NOTE: You may have to provide copies of ALL child support orders and summaries.**