

HOUSE BILL No. 2065

By Representatives Highberger and Neelly

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1 AN ACT concerning family law; relating to dissolution of marriage;
2 allowing change to name other than former or maiden name; amending
3 K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 23-2716 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 23-2716 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 23-2716. (a) Upon the request of a spouse, the court shall order
8 the restoration of that spouse's maiden or former name. The court shall
9 have jurisdiction to restore the spouse's maiden or former name at or after
10 the time the decree of divorce becomes final.

11 (b) *Upon the request of a spouse, the court may order such spouse's*
12 *name be changed to a name that is different than such spouse's maiden or*
13 *former name. The court shall have jurisdiction to change the spouse's*
14 *name at or after the time the decree of divorce becomes final.*

15 (c) The judicial council shall develop a form ~~which~~ that is simple,
16 concise and direct for use with this ~~paragraph~~ section.

17 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 23-2716 is hereby repealed.

18 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
19 publication in the statute book.