

As Amended by Senate Committee
(Corrected)
As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2023

HOUSE BILL No. 2065

By Representatives Highberger and Neelly

1-18

1 AN ACT concerning family law; relating to dissolution of marriage;
2 allowing change to name other than former or maiden name; **removing**
3 **reference to maiden name**; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 23-2716 and
4 repealing the existing section.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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

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

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

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 K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 23-2716 is hereby repealed.

19 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
20 publication in the ~~statute book~~ **Kansas register**.