

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

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*Session of 2023*

**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; **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 K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 23-2716 is hereby repealed.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.