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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2098

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2098 would amend law governing name changes during a divorce to allow the court to change a spouse's name to a name other than the spouse's maiden name or former name and to give the court jurisdiction to make such a change at or after the time the decree of divorce becomes final.

[*Note:* Currently, the statute allows the court to order the restoration of the spouse's maiden or former name.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of Representative Highberger on behalf of Judge Sally Pokorny.

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing on February 4, 2021, a representative of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence testified as a **proponent** of the bill, stating that the bill would provide a safety measure for victims of domestic violence.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch.

Divorce; name change