

1 AN ACT relating to posthumous name changes.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 401.010 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1)** Any person at least eighteen (18) years of age may have his or her name changed by
5 the District Court of the county in which he or she resides. If he or she resides on a
6 United States Army post, military reservation, or fort, his or her name may be
7 changed by the District Court of any county adjacent thereto.

8 **(2) (a) A family member of a deceased person may have the deceased person's**
9 **name changed posthumously if the name is a result of marriage to a person**
10 **arrested for or charged with committing an offense intentionally,**
11 **knowingly, or wantonly, which resulted in the death of the deceased.**

12 **(b) The right to have the name of the deceased person changed posthumously**
13 **devolves on a family member in the priority listed in KRS 367.93117, but**
14 **shall not include a spouse.**

15 **(c) A posthumous name change shall proceed as provided in subsection (1) of**
16 **this section.**