

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 558

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CIVIL/ACTIONS: Provides for the surname of a minor

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:34(B)(1)(a)(iv) and to enact R.S. 13:4751(E), relative to the
3 surname of a minor; to provide for the vital records form; to provide for the contents
4 of a birth certificate; to provide for the surname of a minor born outside of marriage;
5 to provide for the filing of a petition for name change; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:34(B)(1)(a)(iv) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §34. Vital records forms

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12 B. The forms shall be printed and supplied or provided by electronic means
13 by the state registrar and the required contents are:

14 (1) Contents of birth certificate. The certificate of birth shall contain, as a
15 minimum, the following items:

16 (a) Full name of child.

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18 (iv) If the child is born outside of marriage, the surname of the child shall be
19 the mother's maiden name, if the father is unknown. If the father is known, has
20 acknowledged the child, and has agreed to a plan of support, the surname of the child

Proposed law retains present law and additionally authorizes a biological father to petition for a change of the surname of a child he has acknowledged and supported for at least the past 12 months.

(Amends R.S. 40:34(B)(1)(a)(iv); Adds R.S. 13:4751(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill.

1. Removed the provision of proposed law regarding a father who is known, but has not acknowledged the child or agreed to a plan of support.
2. Specified the procedure to petition for a name change.