

HOUSE BILL No. 2474

By Representatives Highberger and Neelly

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1 AN ACT concerning family law; relating to dissolution of marriage;
2 change of name; allowing change to name other than former or maiden
3 name; amending K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 23-2716 and repealing the existing
4 section.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2021 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 K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 23-2716 is hereby repealed.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.