

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00705**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to name changes and requests.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 705) of Creem for legislation relative to name changes and requests [Joint Committee on the Judiciary].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 1617 OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to name changes and requests.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 1D of Chapter 46 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentences:-  
3 If a party to the marriage who has changed his or her name files a certified copy of the certificate  
4 of marriage with the register or probate in the county where the parties were married or presently  
5 reside, the register of probate shall issue a certificate of change of name to the party who has  
6 changed his or her name in accordance with the certificate of marriage. No fee shall be charged,  
7 nor shall the party seeking the certificate of name change be required to file a petition for a name  
8 change. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 262, sections 34 and 40, the city or town  
9 registrar or clerk, or the register of probate shall not charge any fees for fulfilling the duties set  
10 forth in this section.