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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1407, L.D. 1900, “An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Name Changes”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §1-701, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 14, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. ~~Notice and name~~ Adult's name change; adults; notice.** Upon receipt of a petition filed by an adult under subsection 1, paragraph A, the court, ~~after due notice,~~ may change the name of ~~the person who is an~~ that adult. ~~To protect the safety of the person for whom the name change is sought, the court may limit the notice required if the person shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the person is currently in reasonable fear of the person's safety. The court may not require public notice before approving the name change.'~~

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the provision in the bill relating to petitions to change the name of an adult to remove the current requirement that notice be given prior to the court's changing the name of an adult who has petitioned for the name change. The amendment does not remove the court's discretion in changing an adult's name, but it does prohibit the court from requiring public notice before approving the name change.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**