

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5218

July 01, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Clemente and Rabhi and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1905 PA 299, entitled  
"An act to provide for changing and determining the names of  
divorced women,"  
by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 552.391).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 TITLE  
2 An act to provide for changing and determining the names of  
3 divorced ~~women~~. **individuals.**  
4 Sec. 1. The circuit courts of this state, ~~whenever a decree~~  
5 **when a judgment** of divorce is granted, may, at the ~~instance~~ **request**

1 of ~~the woman,~~ **a party to the action**, whether complainant ~~plaintiff~~  
2 or defendant, ~~decree to restore to her her~~ **the party's** birth name,  
3 or the surname ~~she~~ **the party** legally bore ~~prior to her~~ **before the**  
4 marriage to the ~~husband~~ **spouse** in the divorce action, or allow ~~her~~  
5 **the party** to adopt another surname if the change is not sought with  
6 any fraudulent or evil intent.

7       Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
8 unless Senate Joint Resolution \_\_\_\_ or House Joint Resolution \_\_\_\_  
9 (request no. 02344'21) of the 101st Legislature becomes a part of  
10 the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article  
11 XII of the state constitution of 1963.