

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1473**

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### **Basic Change :**

**Sponsors: Rep. Dalby and Sen. Irvin**

HB1473 clarifies the procedures for the judicial order of a name change. HB1473 specifies that a court shall include specific information in an order granting a change of name including:

- Petitioner's prior name;
- Petitioner's date of birth;
- Appropriate identifying information including social security number and driver's license number; and
- Petitioner's new name.

HB1473 requires the clerk of the court to deliver unredacted copies of the order for name change to:

- The Arkansas Crime Information Center;
- Arkansas Driver Control; and
- The Division of Vital Records if requested by the petitioner.

HB1473 also requires:

- The clerk to redact all identifying information in a case except for the petitioner's prior name and new name;
- The clerk to change the style of the case to reflect both the new and old names; and
- The court to seal the case file upon clear and convincing evidence that the petitioner is endangered.

### **Revenue Impact :**

None.

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

Procedures for the judicial change of name would be clarified.

### **Resources Required :**

None.

### **Time Required :**

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

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**Procedural Changes :**

None.

**Other Comments :**

None.

**Legal Analysis :**

HB1473 would benefit from an amendment to change the reference to "Arkansas Driver Control" to the "Office of Driver Services - Driver Control."