

IN THE _____ COURT OF _____ COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
CHANGE OF NAME FROM

_____ to _____ Civil Action No. _____

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Comes now the Petitioner, _____, and petitions
this Court to change the Petitioner's name from _____
to _____.

1a. ☐ Petitioner is a resident of _____ County and has been a
resident of that county for at least one year.

1b. ☐ Petitioner is a nonresident who was born in, married in, or has lived for at least
15 years in _____ County.

2. Petitioner is over the age of 18 (eighteen) years.

3. Petitioner is asking the court for a name change for the following reason(s):

4. Petitioner would seek the Petitioner's name to be changed to:

_____.

5. Petitioner's name change is not sought for the purposes of avoiding debt or
creditors.

6. Petitioner's name change is not sought for purposes of avoiding any state or federal law regarding identity.
7. Petitioner's name change is not sought for any improper or illegal purpose.
8. Petitioner's name change is not sought for purposes of evading detection, identification, or arrest by any local, state, or federal law-enforcement agency.
9. Petitioner is not a registered sex offender pursuant to any state or federal law.
10. Petitioner is not a convicted felon in any jurisdiction.
- 11a. ☐ Petitioner does not desire to protect their identity for personal safety reasons.
- 11b. ☐ Petitioner does desire to protect their identity for personal safety reasons.

List the reasons you are concerned for your personal safety:

WHEREFORE, Petitioner now respectfully prays as follows:

- A. That this matter be scheduled for hearing before the Court in a closed proceeding;
- B. That Petitioner's name be legally changed to
_____.
- C. ☐ Due to the reasons set forth in Paragraph 11b., Petitioner requests that, in accordance with *West Virginia Code* §48-25-101(b), they not be required to set forth in the required notice of publication the name to which their name shall be changed, and further that the hearing on this Petition be closed.

D. That Petitioner be granted such other and further relief as the Court deems reasonable and just.

Petitioner,
Pro Se

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF _____, TO-WIT:

I, _____, Petitioner NAMED IN THE ATTACHED Petition, being first
duly sworn, says that the facts and allegations contained in said Petition are true, except so far as
they are stated to be on information, and belief, they believe them to be true.

Petitioner

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires on _____.