

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 576
HOUSE BILL 1296

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE REGISTER OF DEEDS MAY AMEND AN APPLICATION FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE AND THE RETURN OF AN OFFICIATING OFFICER AT THE MARRIAGE TO REFLECT THE NAME CHANGE OF PARTY TO THE MARRIAGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 51-18.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 51-18.1. Correction of errors in names in application or license; amendment of names in application or license.—(a) When it shall appear to the register of deeds of any county in this State that the name of either or both parties to a marriage is incorrectly stated on an application for a marriage license, or upon a marriage license issued thereunder, or upon a return or certificate of an officiating officer, the register of deeds is authorized to correct such record or records to show the true name or names of the parties to the marriage upon being furnished with an affidavit signed by one or both of the applicants for the marriage license, accompanied by affidavits of at least two other persons who know the true name or names of the person or persons seeking such correction.

(b) When the name of a party to a marriage has been changed by court order as the result of a legitimation action or other cause of action, and the party whose name is changed presents a signed affidavit to the register of deeds indicating the name change and requesting that the application for a marriage license, the marriage license, and the marriage certificate of the officiating officer be amended by substituting the changed name for the original name, the register of deeds may amend the records as requested by the party, provided the other party named in the records consents to the amendment."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 8th day of July, 1987.