



Supreme Court of Illinois
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS COURTS

Form Name: Request For Name Change (Adult)
Form Number: NC-R 303.1
Suggestions and Commission Responses

October 22, 2013

Comments/Suggestion: Non-native speakers, or those with lower proficiency, may see the first STOP and think they can't fill out the rest of the form until the clerk assigns them a number, meaning you may get some (or lots) of folks coming in with forms not filled out just to get their number who will then have to return again after having the forms filled out and signed by a witness. This could cause a waste of time for staff and individuals as they will have to make two trips instead of just one.

Response: Thank you so much for your thoughtful comments in response to the adult name change forms. We truly appreciate your comments, which have been carefully considered and the committee made changes to make the forms as simple to use while remaining legally sufficient. Thank you again for taking the time to review these forms and share feedback.

October 24, 2013

Comments/Suggestion: Previously the same form was used when a parent filed to change the name of their child. If this form is going to replace the current form then changing a child's name needs to be addressed. If this form is not going to replace the current form as it relates to a child, there would be no need for this form because the portion relating to changing the name of an adult would be duplicative.

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November 4, 2013

Comments/Suggestion: The instructions might be helpful, but in many instances they do not provide more clarity than the prompt of the question does. Also, they are located to the left of the prompts, requiring a litigant to read unnaturally from right to left in order to absorb all information. The little stop signs will surely prevent litigants from writing where they are not supposed to, but a careless reader might stop filling out the form altogether. These forms are an improvement and will help access to justice. Thank you.

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