

Arkansas State Code:

Sec. 9-2-101. Name change - Procedure.

(a) Upon the application of any person within the jurisdiction of the courts, the chancery and circuit courts shall have power, upon good reasons shown, to alter or change the name of the person.

(b) When application is made to the courts under this section, it shall be by petition, in writing, embodying the reasons for the application.

(c)(1) When allowed, the petition shall, by order of the court, be spread upon the record, together with the decree of the court.

(c)(2) An appropriate order, as prescribed in this subsection, may be made by a chancellor or circuit judge in vacation. This order shall have the same force and effect as if made at term time.

History. Acts 1851, §§ 1, 2, p. 72; C. & M. Dig., §§ 7756, 7757; Pope's Dig., §§ 10123, 10124; Acts 1943, No. 15, § 1; 1985, No. 542, § 1; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 34-801, 34-802; Acts 1989, No. 52, §1.

Sec. 9-2-102. Use of new name. Any person whose name may be so changed by judgment or decree of any of the courts shall afterward be known and designated, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, by the name thus conferred, except that records of persons under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Correction shall continue to reflect the name as committed to the department's jurisdiction and supervision by the various circuit courts of the State of Arkansas.

History. Acts 1851, § 3, p. 72; C. & M. Dig., § 7758; Pope's Dig., § 10125; A.S.A. 1947, § 34-803; Acts 1989, No. 52, § 2.

The information in this Document is an outline of one way to file a name change in Arkansas without a Lawyer. Arkansas has no name change form; it is up to each person to make their own. But it has to have the required parts.

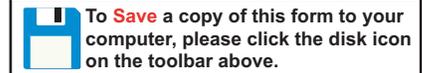
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You will need to write your own documents this is only a guide made from documents that have been used by Transgender folks in other parts of the State. I would like to thank Sherry Lanina for the information she posted on her web page about her name change.

I hope that this information is a help to you in your quest to be the human you were born to be.

Multiple claims. If a complaint asserts multiple claims which involve different subject matter divisions of the circuit court, the cover sheet for that division which is most definitive of the nature of the case should be selected and completed.

**COVER SHEET
STATE OF ARKANSAS
CIRCUIT COURT: CIVIL**



The civil reporting form and the information contained herein shall not be admissible as evidence in any court proceeding or replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings, orders, or other papers as required by law or Supreme Court Rule. This form is required pursuant to Administrative Order Number 8. Instructions are located on the back of the form.

FILING INFORMATION

County: _____ District: _____ Docket Number: CV

Judge: _____ Division: _____ Filing Date: _____

Plaintiff: _____ Defendant: _____

Attorney Providing Information: _____
 Plaintiff Defendant Intervenor Address _____

Litigant, if Pro Se: _____
Address _____

Related Case(s): Judge _____ Case Number(s) _____

Type of Case:

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|---|---|---|
| Torts | Equity | Miscellaneous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (NM) Negligence: Motor Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> (FC) Foreclosure | <input type="checkbox"/> (CD) Condemnation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (NO) Negligence: Other | <input type="checkbox"/> (QT) Quiet Title | <input type="checkbox"/> (RE) Replevin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (BF) Bad Faith | <input type="checkbox"/> (IJ) Injunction | <input type="checkbox"/> (DJ) Declaratory Judgment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (FR) Fraud | <input type="checkbox"/> (PT) Partition | <input type="checkbox"/> (UD) Unlawful Detainer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (MP) Malpractice | <input type="checkbox"/> (OT) Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> (IN) Incorporation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (PL) Product Liability | | <input type="checkbox"/> (EL) Election |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (OD) Other _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> (FJ) Foreign Judgment |
| Contracts | | <input type="checkbox"/> (WT) Writs _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (IS) Insurance | | <input type="checkbox"/> (AA) Administrative Appeal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (DO) Debt: Open Account | | <input type="checkbox"/> (CF) Property Forfeiture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (PN) Debt: Promissory Note | | <input type="checkbox"/> (RD) Remove Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (EM) Employment | | <input type="checkbox"/> (NC) Name Change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (OC) Other _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> (OM) Other _____ |

Jury Trial Requested: Yes No **Manner of Filing:** Original Re-open Transfer
 Return from Federal/Bankruptcy Court

DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Disposition Date: _____ Bench Trial Non-Trial Jury Trial

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|---|---|---|
| Judgment Type: | Dismissal Type: | Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (DJ) Default Judgment | <input type="checkbox"/> (DW) Dismissed with Prejudice | <input type="checkbox"/> (TR) Transferred to Another Jurisdiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (SJ) Summary Judgment | <input type="checkbox"/> (DN) Dismissed without Prejudice | <input type="checkbox"/> (RB) Removed to Bankruptcy Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (CJ) Consent Judgment | | <input type="checkbox"/> (RF) Removed to Federal Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (TJ) Trial Judgment | | <input type="checkbox"/> (AR) Arbitration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (OJ) Other Judgment | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (PG) Petition Granted | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (PD) Petition Denied | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (DF) Decree of Foreclosure | | |

Judgment For: Plaintiff Defendant Both Judgment Amount: \$ _____

Clerk's Signature _____
AOC 23 10-01
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Date _____

Send 1 paper or electronic copy to AOC upon filing.
Send 1 paper or electronic copy to AOC upon disposition.
Keep original in court file.

Effective 1-1-2002

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

IN RE: _____.

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

The petitioner, _____, hereby states:

1. Petitioner is over the age of eighteen (18) years and is a resident of Benton County, Arkansas.
2. Petitioner wishes to change his/her name because

Petitioner is currently undergoing the process of a gender change. Petitioner has been diagnosed as a transsexual by a licensed therapist has been taking _____ hormones to alter petitioner's appearance to that of a _____, and to comply with the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) (WPATH, formerly known as the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, Inc. (HBIIGDA) is a professional organization devoted to the understanding and treatment of gender identity disorders. Standards of Care require petitioner to live as a _____ for a period of not less than one year, to be approved for gender reassignment surgery. Petitioner intends to continue taking _____ hormones and is living as a _____ full time.

3. Petitioner states and affirms that this request for a name change is not for the purpose of fraud, of violating any law, and is not and will not be detrimental to the interest of any other reason.
4. The petitioner, by his/her own affidavit, submits to the court that upon first being duly sworn under oath before a Notary Public, all relevant facts as to why he/she desires a name change have been revealed herein.

Therefore, he/she would like to be known henceforth as _____.

WHEREFORE, petitioner requests that this court allow his/her name to be legally changed from _____ to _____, and for this Court to order such a change in accordance with the laws of Arkansas.

Respectfully submit

_____, Petitioner

VERIFICATION
STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF BENTON

On this _____ day of _____, _____,
personally appeared before me, a Notary Public for the above county, who stated that the
statements contained in the foregoing Petition were true and correct to the best of his/her
knowledge, information and belief.

_____, Petitioner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires

[NOTARY SEAL]

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

IN RE: _____ ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE

On this date, the petition of _____ is presented, the petitioner appearing in person, prose, and the Court, from the petition filed herein, the testimony given, and other proof before the Court, finds:

The petitioner has shown reasonable cause for changing his/her name.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that petitioner's name be changed from _____ to _____ and that petitioner shall hereinafter be known as _____, and IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that he/she shall sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, by the name _____.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the petition filed herein and this order be entered by the Clerk upon the record of this Court.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

Date