

No. 2000-92

AN ACT

HB 1523

Amending Title 54 (Names) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for resumption of surname for a party in a divorce action.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 704 heading and (a) of Title 54 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

§ 704. [**Divorced**] *Divorcing and divorced* person may resume prior name.

(a) General rule.—Any person who is [**divorced from the bonds of matrimony**] *a party in a divorce action* may, *at any time prior to or subsequent to the entry of the divorce decree*, resume any prior surname used by him or her by filing a written notice to such effect in the office of the clerk of the court in which *the divorce action was filed or* the decree of divorce was entered, showing the caption and docket number of the proceeding in divorce.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of November, A.D. 2000.

THOMAS J. RIDGE