

1989 Senate Bill 322

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AN ACT *to amend* 69.15 (3) (b) 4. (intro.) and 69.15 (3) (c); and *to create* 69.15 (4m) of the statutes, **relating to:**
certain name changes on birth certificates.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 69.15 (3) (b) 4. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

69.15 (3) (b) 4. (intro.) If a registrant has not reached the age of 7 18 years and if any of the following indicate, in a statement acknowledging paternity under subd. 1 or 3, that the given name or surname, or both, of the registrant should be changed on the birth certificate, the state registrar shall enter the name indicated on the birth certificate without a court order:

SECTION 2. 69.15 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

69.15 (3) (c) If the state registrar is required to enter a new surname or a new given name on a birth certificate under par. (b) 4. and the registrant has not reached the age of 7 years, the state registrar shall make a new certificate under sub. (6).

SECTION 3. 69.15 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

69.15 (4m) NAME CHANGE WITHOUT COURT ORDER.

(a) Unless either parent of a registrant is a party to an action under ch. 767 involving the registrant and notwithstanding sub. (3) (b) 4. and s. 786.36, the name of a registrant born in this state may be changed once under this subsection without a court order if all of the following apply:

1. The request for the change is received to the state registrar in writing, on a form approved by the state registrar.
2. If a parent has sole legal custody of the registrant, the request for the change is signed by the parent who has legal custody.
3. If both parents have legal custody of the registrant, the request for the change is signed by both parents.
4. The request for the change is received within 365 calendar days after the day of birth of the registrant.

(b) If the conditions under par. (a) 1. to 4. are met, the state registrar shall change the registrant's name on the registrant's birth certificate. The state registrar is not required to issue a new birth certificate under this paragraph.
