

On the Introduced bill, delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added:

21-37-5.2. Notice and open court requirements--Exception--Name change of victims--Sealed records.

The court may grant an order changing the name of a person without publication of notice or a hearing in open court if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) It appears from the pleadings that the petitioner has been a resident of the county in which the petition is filed for at least six months;
- (2) The petitioner is a victim of human trafficking, domestic abuse, or child abuse;
- (3) That sufficient basis exists to grant an exception to §§ 21-23-4 and 21-37-5;
- (4) That the pleadings disclose if the petitioner has a protection order or restraining order; and
- (5) It appears to the court that the name change is in the petitioner's best interests.

If good cause exists, the court may order all records regarding the petition and order be sealed. The records shall only be opened by a court order based upon showing good cause or at the petitioner's request.

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