

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – 73 A

MR. PRESIDENT & MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on 73 A respectfully reports that it has had under consideration **SB 73** and the amendments thereto made, and the disagreement of the two houses thereon, and returns the same with the recommendation that the Senate and House do concur with the bill and be amended as follows:

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On page 1, line 8, of the House bill, delete "(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;

(3) That sufficient basis exists to grant an exception to §§ 21-37-4 and 21-37-5;

(4) That the pleadings disclose if the petitioner has a protection order or restraining order;

(5) It appears to the court that the name change is in the petitioner's best interests; and

(6) The court finds that the name change is not done for the purposes of fraud.

" and insert "(1) The petitioner is over the age of eighteen years or is a guardian of a minor child;

(2) The petitioner or minor child has resided in the county in which the petition is filed for at least six months;

(3) (a) The petitioner or minor child is a victim of human trafficking and has a particularized need for a change of name to protect them from a person who victimized them such that there is a sufficient basis to grant an exception to the requirements of §§ 21-37-4 and 21-37-5; or

(b) The petitioner is an adult, is a victim of domestic abuse, has a protection order or a restraining order in effect, and the petitioner shows a particularized need for a change of name to protect the petitioner from the perpetrator such that there is a sufficient basis to grant an exception to the requirements of §§ 21-37-4 and 21-37-5;

(4) It appears to the court that the name change is in the petitioner's or minor child's best interests; and

(5) The court finds that the name change is not done for the purposes of fraud.

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And that as so amended, the Conference Committee report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ JEFF MONROE

Jeff Monroe, Chair

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ TIMOTHY R. JOHNS

Timothy R. Johns, Chair