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H.P. 1258

House of Representatives, May 23, 2019

An Act To Amend the Law Governing Name Changes

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, EVANGELOS of Friendship, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MOONEN of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §1-701, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A,
3 §2 and affected by Pt. F, §1, is repealed.

4 **SUMMARY**

5 This bill amends the law governing name changes to allow a probate judge to limit
6 the notice requirement for anyone who shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the
7 person seeking the name change is in reasonable fear of the person's safety, not just for
8 domestic abuse victims.