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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 794, L.D. 1140, Bill, "An Act Relating to Name Changes During Divorce Proceedings"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'19 MRSA §752, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 813, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

11. Name change. Upon the request of either spouse to change that person's own name, the court, when entering judgment for divorce or annulment:

A. Shall change the name of that spouse to any former name requested; or

B. May change the name of that spouse to any other name requested.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment carries out the purposes of the original bill.

Current law affords only wives the opportunity to request a name change at the time of the final hearing for divorce or annulment. This amendment allows husbands to request a change of name as well.

The amendment requires the court to grant the request if the request is for a return to any former name.

The amendment clarifies that it is still within the court's discretion to grant a request for a change of name to any name other than a former name.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.
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