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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14, 2026

FROM: SCAO Forms Team

RE: Explanation of changes to PC 52

Below is a SCAO-approved court form that was recently revised. An explanation of the changes, along with instructions on use of the previously approved version and a copy of the form with the changes highlighted, is provided.

PC 52, Order Regarding Petition for Name Change

Most recent update: (7/26) version
Use of previously approved version: (1/26) version may be used through January 9, 2027.
(7/26) version must be used beginning January 10, 2027

Revisions were made to the form title for ex parte name change orders. Form changes are highlighted in the attached PC 52.

If the updated form does not display upon opening, try clearing your cache.

Email: CourtFormsInfo@courts.mi.gov.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY	**ORDER REGARDING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE** **(Part 1)**	**CASE NO. and JUDGE**
Court address		**Court telephone no.**

In the matter of _____
Current first, middle, and last name(s) (type or print)

THE COURT FINDS:

1. A petition for name change has been filed.

2. ☐ a. Notice was made by publication as required by law. **or**
☐ b. An order for nonpublication and confidential record was entered on _____ .
Date

☐ 3. The noncustodial parent of a minor(s) for whom name change is sought was served notice of proceedings. MCR 3.613(E).

4. This order is being entered ☐ following hearing. ☐ ex parte.

☐ 5. Each person for whom a name change is sought ☐ has ☐ has not been a resident of the county for at least one year.

☐ 6. _____ has/have a criminal record.
Name(s) (type or print)

☐ 7. The name change request(s) of _____
Name(s)
☐ is/are ☐ is not/are not made with fraudulent intent.

☐ 8. The petition requests the name change of minor(s). One or more of the following has consented to or signed the petition: **(Check all that apply.)** ☐ the parents, jointly. ☐ the sole surviving parent. ☐ the only available parent if that parent has legal custody. ☐ the minor's/minors' guardian. ☐ the guardian of a parent declared mentally incompetent.

☐ 9. The custodial parent has consented to the name change of the minor(s). **(Select a, b, and/or c, as applicable.)**
☐ a. The noncustodial parent has had the ability to visit, contact, or communicate with the minor(s) but has regularly and substantially failed or neglected to do so for the past two or more years, **and**
☐ a support order has been entered, and the noncustodial parent has failed to substantially comply with the order for a period of two years or more before the filing of the petition for name change. **or**
☐ a support order has not been entered and the noncustodial parent, having the ability to support or assist supporting the minor(s), has failed or neglected to provide regular and substantial support for two years or more before the filing of the petition for name change.
☐ b. The noncustodial parent has been convicted of child abuse (MCL 750.136b), criminal sexual conduct (MCL 750.520b, 750.520c, 750.520d, or 750.520e), or assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct (MCL 750.520g), and the minor(s) or a sibling of the minor(s) was/were the victim.
☐ c. The noncustodial parent has been convicted of first degree murder (MCL 750.316) or second degree murder (MCL 750.317).

☐ 10. The minor(s) is/are 14 years of age or older and ☐ signed ☐ did not sign a written consent to the name change.

☐ 11. The minor(s) is/are under 14 years of age and
☐ a. The court consulted the minor(s) concerning the minor's/minors' preference about the name change.
☐ b. The minor(s) is/are not of sufficient age to express a preference about the name change.

Distribute form to:
Court, Part 1 and 2
Petitioner, Part 1
Law enforcement, Part 1 (as needed)
Department of Corrections, Part 1 (as needed)
State Registrar, Part 1 (as needed)

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Case No. _____

☐ 12. The name(s) of the following person(s) is/are changed.

	FROM (former name)	**TO** (name as changed)	**DATE OF BIRTH**
Petitioner	First:	First:	month, day, year
	Middle:	Middle:	
	Last:	Last:	
Spouse	First:	First:	month, day, year
	Middle:	Middle:	
	Last:	Last:	
Minor child	First:	First:	month, day, year
	Middle:	Middle:	
	Last:	Last:	
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	Middle:	Middle:	
	Last:	Last:	

☐ 13. The State Registrar shall create a new live birth certificate for _____
Name(s)

☐ all of the above that does not disclose the name at birth and shall seal the original certificate.

☐ 14. The record of _____ ☐ is confidential ☐ is no longer confidential.
Name(s)

☐ 15. The request to change the name(s) of _____ is/are denied.

☐ 16. The name change request is denied and the petition is dismissed.

_____
Judge signature and date

_____
Attorney Name (type or print) Bar no.

_____
Address

_____
City, state, zip Telephone no.

Note to Petitioner: You must provide a certified copy of this order to the State Registrar if you want to change your birth certificate.

Note to Clerk: Under MCL 711.1(3), if the court enters an order to change the name of a person who has a criminal record, the court shall forward the order to the Criminal Justice Information Center of the Michigan State Police and to one or more of the following:

- the Department of Corrections if the person named in the order is in prison or on parole or has been imprisoned or released from parole in the immediately preceding two years.
- the sheriff of the county in which the person named in the order was last convicted if the person was incarcerated in a county jail or released from a county jail within the immediately preceding two years.
- the court that has jurisdiction over the person named in the order if the person named in the order is under the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court or has been discharged from that court's jurisdiction within the immediately preceding two years.

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