

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 232**

Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the process by which a person changes his or her name, including the administrative name change procedure within the Nebraska court system, and the practice of adopting a name by which he or she wishes to be known without intent to defraud. The issues examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Why Nebraska only provides that a woman may change her surname upon marriage or divorce without following the administrative name change procedure;

(2) Ensuring that a person's last name is not automatically changed upon marriage and that neither party to the marriage be required to change his or her name, while also ensuring that either party be given equal opportunity to change his or her name upon marriage without participating in the administrative name change procedure;

(3) A review of name change processes in other states and their effect on the issuance of state identification cards and drivers' licenses; and

(4) A review of Nebraska statutes to determine if changes are necessary to address the name change process and, if changes are necessary, how such changes can be made to keep Nebraska in compliance with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 when issuing state identification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.