

February 23, 2011

The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 165-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2252 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2252 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2252 would allow a Kansas resident who was divorced in another state to request a Kansas court to restore that person's maiden or former name. The court would order the restoration of the maiden or former name upon receiving an authenticated copy of the divorce decree. The bill would require the Kansas Judicial Council to develop forms that are simple, concise, and direct for use in requesting the name restoration.

Passage of HB 2252 could result in additional requests for name changes. If it does, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that there would be a fiscal effect on the operations of the court system. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional requests that would occur. Therefore, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined. In any case, the fiscal effect would most likely be accommodated within the existing schedule of court cases and would not require additional resources. Also, there would be docket fees collected for the additional cases, but the increase in fee income is not expected to be substantial. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2252 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary