

April 22, 2009

H 1531. NAME CHANGE BANNED FOR MOST PRISONERS. Filed 4/22/09. *TO PROVIDE THAT THE CLERK OF COURT SHALL DENY A NAME CHANGE APPLICATION FROM A CONVICTED FELON WHO IS SERVING AN ACTIVE SENTENCE UNLESS THE CLERK OF COURT FINDS THAT GOOD CAUSE EXISTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE NAME CHANGE AND TO INCREASE BY ONE DOLLAR THE FEE FOR PROCESSING AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A PERSON'S NAME.*

Enacts new GS 101-9 to require the clerk of court to deny an application to change a person's name under GS Chapter 101 if the person is a convicted felon who is serving an active sentence, unless the clerk finds good cause exists for consideration of the application under circumstances alleged by the person. Enacts new GS 101-10 to require that the clerk assess a \$1 fee, in addition to fees imposed under GS 7A-306, to assist with the cost of processing the application. Provides that the fee must be used for the support of the General Court of Justice and is payable at the time the application is submitted. Amends GS 7A-306 to add that a name change fee, as provided by law, is assessable or recoverable when incurred as an additional expense in a special proceeding in superior court.

Effective for any application to change a person's name submitted to the clerk of court on or after July 1, 2009.

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June 24, 2009

H 1531. NAME CHANGE BANNED FOR IMPRISONED FELONS (NEW). Filed 4/22/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes the provision in proposed new GS 101-9 that allowed the clerk of court to find good cause under circumstances alleged by the convicted felon to consider a name change application. Makes a conforming change to the title.