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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 7, 2023

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2065

House Bill 2065, As Amended by House Committee, allows the court to change a spouse's name to a name other than a maiden or former name during a divorce proceeding.

Current law in K.S.A. 23-2716 requires the court to order the restoration of a spouse's maiden or former name at the request of the spouse during the course of a divorce proceeding. This bill would allow the court to order a spouse's name be changed to a name that is different than the spouse's former name at the request of the spouse. The amendments adopted by the House Committee on Judiciary remove the references to maiden name in the statute.