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AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to verification of a  
name change

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new section  
2     61-a to read as follows:  
3     S 61-A. VERIFICATION. 1. PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ORDER GRANTING A  
4     CHANGE OF NAME, THE COURT IN WHICH THE PETITION HAS BEEN FILED SHALL  
5     TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO VERIFY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE  
6     PETITIONER PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION SIXTY-ONE OF THIS  
7     ARTICLE.  
8     2. THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH RULES,  
9     REGULATIONS AND FEE SCHEDULE AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.  
10    IN PROMULGATING SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE OFFICE SHALL TAKE INTO  
11    ACCOUNT THE LEGISLATURE'S INTENT THAT THE PROCESS OF VERIFICATION AS  
12    DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE MEANT TO PREVENT  
13    THE PETITIONER FROM USING NAME CHANGE TO EVADE LEGAL PROCESS OR OBLI-  
14    GATION.  
15    S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
16    it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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