

REFERENCE TITLE: notary public; name change

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## **HB 2578**

Introduced by  
Representatives Pancrazi, Chabin, Lopez, Ulmer, Senator Pesquiera:  
Representatives Alvarez, Anderson, Bradley, Brown, Clark, Groe,  
Hershberger, Lopes, Thrasher, Senators Aboud, Aguirre

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-327, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO NOTARIES  
PUBLIC.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 41-327, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 41-327. Surname change; notification; continuation of  
5 commission

6 ~~A.~~ A notary public who has a change of surname ~~due to marriage~~ may  
7 continue to use the official seal and commission in the notary public's prior  
8 name until that commission expires. ~~While using a married name in~~  
9 ~~notarizations,~~ The notary shall sign the ~~married name~~ CHANGED SURNAME on the  
10 line that is designated for the notary public's signature on the notarial  
11 certificate. Immediately below that signature, the notary public shall sign  
12 the name under which the notary was commissioned. The notary public shall  
13 notify the secretary of state's office within thirty days of the notary's  
14 change of surname ~~due to marriage~~. Failure to notify the secretary of state  
15 of this change of surname is evidence of the notary's failure to fully and  
16 faithfully discharge the duties of a notary.

17 ~~B. Except as prescribed by subsection A, a notary public whose name~~  
18 ~~changes shall apply for a new notary commission under the new name.~~