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SUMMARY

- For the purposes of the requirement that a candidate for public office list any previous names used in the last five years, exempts changes of name ordered by an Ohio court.
- Requires the Secretary of State to update the statement of candidacy in nominating petitions to include instructions regarding the name exemption, as well as the Secretary's website on any changes to this requirement.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Changes of name exempt from filing requirement

Under current law, individuals desiring to become a candidate for public office must file a declaration of candidacy (or a statement of candidacy with a nominating petition, for independent candidates), with the Secretary of State.¹ The declaration or statement of candidacy must include, in the space next to the candidate's name, any names previously used in the five years before the date of filing, with the exception of name changes resulting from a marriage.

The bill adds another exception: any previous names that were ordered to be changed by an Ohio court. In effect, candidates would not have to list name changes as long as the name was changed legally in Ohio.²

¹ R.C. 3513.04 and 3513.257, not in the bill.

² R.C. 3513.06 and 3513.271.

Secretary of State instructions

The bill requires the Secretary of State to publish on the Secretary's website any changes to the Revised Code sections that require prior names to be listed on declarations of candidacy.³

Additionally, the bill requires the Secretary to update the declaration of candidacy and statement of candidacy forms to include instructions about the bill's name change provisions, in parenthesis in the blank space next to the candidate's name, to read "Name of Candidate and any previous names used by Candidate in the last five years as required under R.C. 3513.06 or 3513.271."⁴

HISTORY

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³ R.C. 3501.05.

⁴ R.C. 3513.07 and 3513.261.