

Important: You may use this script to “prove up” your name change. Fill it out and read it carefully before you go to court. When you read it aloud in court you will be under oath. Do not read any part of this script in court that is not true and correct. Read “Tips for the Courtroom” at [TexasLawhelp.org/article/tips-courtroom](https://www.texaslawhelp.org/article/tips-courtroom).

Sample Testimony for Change of Name of Adult

My current legal name is: _____
first middle last

I am asking the court to change my name to: _____

I am above age 18.

I am fully competent to testify.

The facts I am stating today are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

I am **not** asking the court to change my name to avoid criminal prosecution.

I am **not** asking the court to change my name to avoid payment of debt.

My home address is: _____
street address city county state ZIP

(Check all that apply. When you are talking to the Judge, read only the statements that apply.)

My Social Security Number is listed in the final orders I submitted to the court.

I do not have a Social Security Number.

(Check all that apply. When you are talking to the Judge, read only the statements that apply.)

In the final orders I submitted to the court, I listed all driver’s license numbers issued to me during the last 10 years:

I have not had a driver’s license during the last 10 years.

My date of birth is: _____
month day year

My place of birth was _____
city county state country

My gender is: _____.

My race is: _____.

(Check all that apply. When you are talking to the Judge, read only the statements that apply.)

- I do **not** have an FBI number or SID number.
- My FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigations) number is listed in the final orders I submitted to the court.
- My SID (State Identification) number is listed in the final orders I submitted to the court.

(Check all that apply. When you are talking to the Judge, read only the statements that apply.)

- I have **not** been charged with a class A or B misdemeanor or felony.
- I **have** been charged with class A or B misdemeanors or felonies and they are listed in the final orders I submitted to the court.

(Check all that apply. When you are talking to the Judge, read **ONLY** the statements that apply.)

- I have **not** been convicted of a felony.
- I **have** been convicted of a felony and have been pardoned.
- I have been convicted of a felony and at least two years have passed since I received a certificate of discharge or completed court-ordered community supervision or probation.
- I **have** been convicted of a felony and am changing my name to the primary name used in my criminal history record information.

(Check all that apply. When you are talking to the Judge, read **ONLY** the statements that apply.)

- I am **not** required to register as a sex offender.
- I **am** required to register as a sex offender and I have submitted a Sex Offender Update Form to local law enforcement and provided proof to the Court of the submission.

My Petition to Change the Name of an Adult included a legible, complete copy of my fingerprints.

My change of name is in my interest or benefit and is in the interest of the public.

I respectfully ask that the Court grant my change of name from:

_____ to
(current legal name)

(proposed new legal name).

That's all I have, Your Honor.