

# Process to change name after marriage with a felony conviction

Minnesota Statute [259.13](#) requires you to state whether you have been convicted of a felony since August 1, 2000. **The law requires that a person who has been convicted of a felony under any state or federal law on or after that date may not change their name through marriage.**

**A person who has a felony conviction who does not comply with Minnesota Statute 259.13 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.**

[517.08](#) Subd. 1a (8)

If one party to the civil marriage license has a felony conviction under Minnesota law or the law of another state or federal jurisdiction, the party may not change the party's name through the marriage application process and must follow the process in section 259.13 to change the party's name.

[259.13](#) Subdivision 1.

Procedure for seeking name change.

(a) A person with a felony conviction under Minnesota law or the law of another state or federal jurisdiction shall serve a notice of application for a name change on the prosecuting authority that obtained the conviction against the person when seeking a name change through one of the following procedures:

- (1) an application for a name change under section [259.10](#);
- (3) a request for a name change under section 259.14.

If the conviction is from another state or federal jurisdiction, notice of application must also be served on the attorney general.

(b) A person who seeks a name change under section [259.10](#) or 518.27 shall file proof of service with the court as part of the name change request.

(c) The name change request may not be granted during the 30-day period provided for in subdivision 2 or, if an objection is filed under subdivision 2, until satisfaction of the requirements in subdivision 3 or 4. Nothing in this section shall delay the granting of a marriage license under section 517.08, which may be granted without the name change.

[259.13](#), subdivision 5.

## Costs.

**(b) A court shall not require a person with a felony conviction to pay filing fees for a name change application provided that the person files the action within 180 days after the marriage and submits to the court a certified copy of the marriage certificate.**