HB 2542 brings IL law in line with the majority of other states and helps trans and gender-expansive people and survivors of human trafficking live safer and more authentic lives by:

- Removing the ten year waiting period for people with felony convictions
- Removing the lifetime ban for people with identity theft convictions
- Adding a judicial discretion exception for people seeking a name change due to gender-related identity, marriage, religion and status as a human trafficking survivor to the registration period ban in the Sex Offender, Arsonist and Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Acts
- Improving efficiency by focusing the grounds for State’s Attorney Objections on petitions filed by people with pending charges, a conviction of identity theft or aggravated identity theft or a conviction requiring registration with the Sex Offender Registry
- Increasing transparency by requiring notice of objections served on petitioners
- Removing the outdated third party affidavit requirements
- Expands access to publication waiver and streamlines the waiver process
- Streamlining procedure with a statewide, standardized petition

For more information contact: Khadine Bennett 312-607-3355 kbennett@aclu-il.org
Elizabeth Ricks 872-216-0829 ericks@chicagohouse.org
Angela Inzano 440-413-9895 ainzano@aclu-il.org

ILLINOIS’S NAME CHANGE LAW IS HARMING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.

Illinois’s name change law is one of the most restrictive in the nation. Illinois is one of only 12 states prohibiting name changes for people on registries and one of only two states prohibiting name changes for people with identity theft convictions. Illinoisans with felony convictions cannot change their name until ten years after the end of their sentence. Illinois is one of only eight states with this kind of restriction.
Supporting Organizations

360 Youth Services  
About Face Theatre  
ACLU of Illinois  
AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago  
Brave Space Alliance  
Center for Disability and Elder Law  
Center On Halsted  
Champaign County Bailout Coalition  
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation  
The Chicago Bar Association  
The Chicago Bar Foundation  
Chicago Books to Women in Prison  
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless  
Chicago Community Bond Fund  
Chicago House and Social Service Agency  
Chicago Torture Justice Center  
Chicago Worker's Collaborative  
Community Renewal Society  
Equality Illinois  
Gage Park Latinx Council  
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Illinois Coalition for Immigrants and Refugee Rights  
Illinois State Bar Association  
Lambda Legal  
Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender  
Lawrence Hall  
Legal Council for Health Justice  
Logan Square Neighborhood Association  
Moran Center for Youth Advocacy  
National Employment Lawyers Association-IL  
NCJW Illinois  
Northwest Side Housing Center  
Pilsen Alliance  
Planned Parenthood Illinois Action  
Planned Parenthood St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri  
Pride Action Tank  
Reproductive Health Access Project, Illinois Chapter  
SAGE  
SER El Cambio  
She Votes Illinois  
Suburban Unity Alliance  
Taskforce Prevention  
The Network  
The Project of the Quad Cities  
Transformative Justice Law Project  
Uptown People’s Law Center  
Westside Justice Center  
Women United  
YEEP

For more information contact: Khadine Bennett 312-607-3355 kbennett@aclu-il.org  
Elizabeth Ricks 872-216-0829 ericks@chicagohouse.org  
Angela Inzano 440-413-9895 ainzano@aclu-il.org