

California AB 1084 (Zbur): What You Need to Know

What is AB 1084?

AB 1084 (Zbur) is a bill to streamline and modernize California's legal procedures for changing one's name, gender, or sex identifier. Starting July 1, 2026, the bill would remove the ability for third parties to file objections in adult name changes tied to gender identity, require courts to grant petitions without a hearing within six weeks (for adults, or minors whose name changes are supported by all living parents), and eliminate the deadline requiring petitioners to file judgments in 30 days.

Key Protections of the Bill

Automatic grant deadlines: Courts must issue orders granting name/gender change petitions within six weeks, without a hearing, for adult cases and for minors whose change is signed by all living parents.

Elimination of 30-day judgment deadline: The requirement that petitioners must file a court judgment (to update birth certificate or marriage license) within 30 days is removed, giving more flexibility in practice.



Why It matters

AB 1084 addresses a critical need: many transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse people face significant delays and administrative burdens when trying to update legal documents to reflect their true identity. AB 1084 reduces those barriers by streamlining court workflows and speeding access to accurate IDs.