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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 754**  
**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to candidate qualifications for statewide offices.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 115, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 115.352, to read as follows:

**115.352. Any declaration of candidacy under section 115.349 shall contain either**  
2 **the candidate's last name or maiden name as it appears on his or her birth certificate, or**  
3 **his or her current legal last name as changed through marriage or court order. No name**  
4 **change by common usage based on common law shall be permitted. This shall apply to any**  
5 **candidate for municipal, city, special district, county, or statewide office.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.