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Wow! This is going to open a real can of worms. Our Legislature is looking at enacting legislation to say that South Carolina will not recognize the validity of same-sex marriages performed in other states. If that happens, we would have to refuse to change someone's name based on a marriage certificate.

Of course, if a couple wants to do this, all they have to do is apply in court for a name change.

My thought right now is that we should not do this based on an out-of-state marriage certificate. If they get married in another state and change their drivers' licenses there, it will not be an issue for us when they move here.

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From: Patterson, Hattie C.

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To: Uswa, Wanda P.; Phelps, Annie L.; Valenta, Val; Green, Gwendolyn

Subject: Name changes

I had an opportunity to go to a meeting at a Branch office on February 11, 2003. One issue they brought up needs to be address and some type of legal guidelines set.

With same sex marriages beginning to be performed in other states, we need to set a policy on name changes.

What is required to change the name. For traditional marriages, we will change the woman's name with a marriage license document on the title. I am not sure what is required on the driver license. Is there an additional document needed or will we honor the same type of documents?

My understanding is that they have already run into this type situation.

Some guidelines need to be established and published to the Branches in order to avoid inconsistencies.

Hattie