

Of Typos, Clerical Errors, and Change of Name: The Implications of R.A. 9048

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Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9048 was enacted to expeditiously and summarily correct typographical and clerical errors appearing in the birth certificate of a person. It also allowed for a similar procedure in changing names. The Author provides an overview of the procedures under R.A. No. 9048, as well as its built-in safeguards to prevent abuse.

The implications of R.A. No. 9048 calls for greater vigilance in differentiating a complete change of name and a change of name under said law. The former is an adversarial proceeding and properly a judicial one. The latter is a summary and administrative proceeding intended to facilitate fast corrections where no controversy is evident. All in all, the matter is a question of substance and the sanctity of records in the civil registry must be kept in mind.