

Judicial Amendments on Death Certificates

Chapter 7 § 32.1-269.1 (F)

Judicial amendments are changes that require a court order to complete. Petitions to the Circuit Court may be filed by the surviving spouse or immediate family, the attending funeral home, or other reporting source.

Judicial amendments more than 45 days after filing the death certificate

The matters for which a petition may be filed include changing the name of the deceased, the deceased's parent or spouse, or the informant; the marital status of the deceased; or the place of residence of the deceased, when the place of residence is outside the Commonwealth.

Amending or correcting an item on a death certificate more than once

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Any item of a vital record which has been previously corrected may only be changed again by court order.

Notice of any petition filed should be served to the State Registrar of Vital Records at the following address:

Seth Austin
Director and State Registrar
Office of Vital Records
8701 Park Central Drive, Suite 101
Richmond, VA 23227



Please note: There is a \$10 administrative fee to make any corrections or amendments to a vital record.