The object of this Bill is to expedite the processing of applications for change of name by reducing the time period during which an interested person may lodge an objection to an application for change of name from 4 months to 28 days.

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THE CIVIL STATUS (AMENDMENT) BILL
(No.: XVII of 2011)

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A BILL
To amend the Civil Status Act

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Civil Status (Amendment) Act 2011.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Civil Status Act.
3. **Section 56 of principal Act amended**

Section 56 of the principal Act is amended, in subsection (3), by deleting the words "4 months" and replacing them by the words "28 days".

4. **Transitional provision**

This Act shall not apply to an application for change of name which is pending at the commencement of this Act.

5. **Commencement**

This Act shall come into operation on 1 August 2011.