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This bill requires the court to create a certificate of dissolution to accompany a judgment and decree in divorce cases. The court may require the parties or their attorneys to prepare the form and requires the court administrator to provide copies to any party when requested. Current law allows the court or parties to prepare a certificate of dissolution but neither is required to do so. The current law provides what is to be contained in the certificate including the names of the parties and their dependents and when the divorce was granted. This bill removes the requirement that social security numbers be included on the certificate, which is consistent with current state court rules. This bill removes the requirement that dependent children be named and requires a name change granted in the divorce to be included on the dissolution certificate.

This bill allows parties whose divorce was granted prior to the effective date of this bill, or any time a certificate is not prepared pursuant to this section, to make a written request for a certificate of dissolution and obtain one from the court.

Effective date. The requirement to create a dissolution certificate applies to court judgment and decrees in divorce cases that are granted on or after August 1, 2015, but parties whose divorce is already finalized may request a certificate of dissolution at any time.