

Book IX.
Title XXV.

Concerning the change of name.
(De mutatione nominis.)

Bas. 60.60.3.

9.25.1. Emperors Diocletian and Maximian and the Caesars to Julianus.

Just as every man is at liberty privately to choose any name, Christian and surname, that he wishes, for the purpose of recognition, so a change thereof involves no peril, for those who have no evil motive. Hence, if you are a free man, and have no fraudulent purpose, you are not forbidden, as has often been decided, to change your Christian or surname, and no prejudice to you can arise therefrom.
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Note.

A person who changed his name and thereby defrauded another was guilty of the crime of falsification. Dig. 48.13 pr; Bas. 60.41.13.