

**Opinion No. 44-4531**

June 17, 1944

**BY:** EDWARD P. CHASE, Attorney General

**TO:** Miss Margaret Williams, Luna County Clerk, Deming, New Mexico

We are in receipt of your letter of June 13, 1944, in which you state that Mrs. Andrew C. Hall wishes to change her name so that it will appear on the General Election ballot as Blanche Mills Hall.

Your attention is called to Section 56-815 of the N.M. 1941 Compilation, as amended by Chapter 86 of the Laws of 1943, which provides in part as follows:

"Upon the completion of its canvass, the State Canvassing Board shall certify to each County Clerk in the state \* \* \* the **name** of each person who shall have been nominated in said primary by each of the political parties participating therein as a candidate for each of the offices to be filled at the ensuing general election \* \* \* .

"And the County Clerk upon the official ballots to be cast at the ensuing general election shall place the **names** so certified to him as aforesaid as candidates for the respective offices and of the respective parties as shown in said certificates."

In view of the foregoing, it is my opinion that a person cannot cause his name to appear differently on the General Election ballot than it appears in the certificate of the State Canvassing Board.

By ROBERT W. WARD,

Asst. Atty. General