

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 507

BY REPRESENTATIVES CREWS, ADAMS, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, DUPLESSIS, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, GAROFALO, GLOVER, GREEN, HORTON, JAMES, JONES, JORDAN, LACOMBE, LANDRY, NEWELL, CHARLES OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SEABAUGH, SELDERS, THOMPSON, AND VILLIO

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 14.1(F), relative to electronic filing in criminal
3 cases; to authorize clerks of court to accept electronic filings; to provide for the
4 adoption and implementation of procedures for electronic filing; to provide for
5 public access to electronically filed pleadings and documents; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 14.1(F) is hereby enacted to read as
9 follows:

10 Art. 14.1. Filing of pleadings and documents by facsimile or electronic transmission

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12 F. The filings as provided in this Article and all other provisions of this Code
13 may be transmitted electronically in accordance with a system established by a clerk
14 of court or by the Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access Authority. When such a system
15 is established, the clerk of court shall adopt and implement procedures for the
16 electronic filing and storage of any pleading, document, or exhibit. Furthermore, in
17 a parish that accepts electronic filings covered under this Paragraph, the official
18 record shall be the electronic record. A pleading or document filed electronically is
19 deemed filed on the date and time stated on the confirmation of electronic filing sent
20 from the system, if the clerk of court accepts the electronic filing. Public access to

1 electronically filed pleadings and documents shall be in accordance with the rules
2 governing access to written filings.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____