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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows a housing applicant to provide certain information and the consideration thereof.

Present law prohibits discriminatory housing practices pursuant to the La. Equal Housing Opportunity Act.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes an applicant to provide evidence of inaccuracies with the applicant's criminal history record, evidence of rehabilitation, or other mitigating factors.

Proposed law requires a housing provider to disclose to an applicant in writing whether the housing provider uses an applicant's criminal history record as a basis for eligibility and requires the provider to notify the applicant that the applicant may provide evidence of inaccuracies, rehabilitation, or other mitigating factors.

Proposed law allows that all information obtained for the purpose of compliance may be stored or transferred electronically in accordance with present law (Louisiana Uniform Electronic Transactions Act).

Proposed law exempts housing providers, defined as property owners, and lessors and their agents or employees, from liability in any civil action arising from the decision to rent to a person with a criminal record or who was otherwise charged with or convicted of a crime or for the landlord's decision not to conduct a criminal background check.

(Adds R.S. 9:3258.2)