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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Makes the current law regarding the destruction of useless records applicable to all clerks of city courts and adds an approved digital imaging exception for certain criminal history records.

Present law authorizes the clerks of city courts in Houma, Ruston, and Lake Charles to destroy records of judicial proceedings involving suits for eviction of tenants and occupants when such records have been deemed by the presiding judge or judges to have no further use or value.

Present law also authorizes the clerks of city courts in Hammond, Houma, Ruston, and Lake Charles to destroy records of criminal proceedings involving misdemeanor convictions when such records have been deemed by the presiding judge or judges to have no further use or value.

Present law contains similar provisions for the City Court of Baton Rouge.

Proposed law makes present law applicable to all clerks of city courts.

Present law provides that destruction of certain misdemeanor conviction records may occur only after the clerk of court's office has scanned the records and stored them in an electronic format that is in compliance with all rules adopted by the Department of State relative to retention and storage of records.

Proposed law retains present law and adds an approved digital imaging exception.

(Amends R.S. 13:1904(C), (D), and (E); Repeals R.S. 13:1904.1)