

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

COURTS: Provides relative to certain information on court filings

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 253(B)(2) and Code of Criminal
3 Procedure Article 14.1(B), relative to private information in court filings; to revise
4 the types of information prohibited in court filings; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 253(B)(2) is hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 Art. 253. Pleadings, documents, and exhibits to be filed with clerk

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11 B.

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13 (2) On and after January 1, 2026, all filings as provided in Paragraph A of
14 this Article and all other provisions of this Chapter filed by an attorney shall only be
15 filed in person in paper form or transmitted electronically in accordance with a
16 system established by a clerk of court or by Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access
17 Authority. The filer shall be responsible for ensuring that private information is not
18 included in filings. No filing shall include the first five digits of any social security
19 number, tax identification numbers, state identification numbers, driver's license
20 numbers, financial account numbers, ~~full dates of birth,~~ or any information protected
21 from disclosure by state or federal law. The clerk of court shall adopt a system for

1 the electronic filing and storage of any pleading, document, or exhibit filed with a
2 pleading. A pleading or document filed electronically is deemed filed on the date
3 and time stated on the confirmation of electronic filing sent from the system, if the
4 clerk of court accepts the electronic filing. Public access to electronically filed
5 pleadings and documents shall be in accordance with the rules governing access to
6 paper filings.

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8 Section 2. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 14.1(B) is hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 Art. 14.1. Electronic filings

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12 B. Beginning January 1, 2026, all filings as provided in this Article and all
13 other provisions of this Code filed by an attorney shall only be filed in person in
14 paper form or transmitted electronically in accordance with a system established by
15 a clerk of court or by the Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access Authority. The filer shall
16 be responsible for ensuring that private information is not included in filings. No
17 filing shall include the first five digits of any social security number, tax
18 identification numbers, state identification numbers, driver's license numbers,
19 financial account numbers, ~~full dates of birth~~, or any information protected from
20 disclosure by state or federal law. The clerk of court shall adopt a system for the
21 electronic filing and storage of any pleading, document, or exhibit other than those
22 documents or exhibits introduced and filed at a hearing or trial. Furthermore, in a
23 court that accepts electronic filings in accordance with this Paragraph, the official
24 record shall be the electronic record. A pleading or document filed electronically is
25 deemed filed on the date and time stated on the confirmation of electronic filing sent
26 from the system, if the clerk of court accepts the electronic filing. Public access to
27 electronically filed pleadings and documents shall be in accordance with the rules
28 governing access to written filings.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes full dates of birth from the list of prohibited information in a court filing.

Present law authorizes the electronic filing, of pleadings, documents, and exhibits.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits the following private information in such filings:

- (1) First five digits of any social security number.
- (2) Tax identification numbers.
- (3) State identification numbers.
- (4) Driver's license numbers.
- (5) Financial account numbers.
- (6) Full dates of birth.
- (7) Any information protected from disclosure by state or federal law.

Proposed law generally retains present law, but removes full dates of birth from the list of prohibited information in both civil and criminal court filings.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 253(B)(2) and C.Cr.P. Art. 14.1(B))