

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 227

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

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 court filings; to permit filings on letter size  
4 paper; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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10 B.

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12 (2) On and after January 1, 2026, all filings as provided in Paragraph A of  
13 this Article and all other provisions of this Chapter filed by an attorney shall only be  
14 filed in person in paper form or transmitted electronically in accordance with a  
15 system established by a clerk of court or by Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access  
16 Authority. Any pleading or document filed electronically or in paper form is  
17 acceptable on legal or letter size paper. The filer shall be responsible for ensuring  
18 that private information is not included in filings. No filing shall include the first  
19 five digits of any social security number, tax identification ~~numbers~~ number, state

1 identification ~~numbers~~ number, driver's license ~~numbers~~ number, financial account  
 2 ~~numbers~~ number, ~~full dates of birth~~, or any information protected from disclosure by  
 3 state or federal law. The clerk of court shall adopt a system for the electronic filing  
 4 and storage of any pleading, document, or exhibit filed with a pleading. A pleading  
 5 or document filed electronically is deemed filed on the date and time stated on the  
 6 confirmation of electronic filing sent from the system, if the clerk of court accepts  
 7 the electronic filing. Public access to electronically filed pleadings and documents  
 8 shall be in accordance with the rules governing access to paper filings.

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

12 Art. 14.1. Electronic filings

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

