

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 227

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

CIVIL/PROCEDURE: Provides that filings may be made on letter size rather than legal size paper

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

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

13 Art. 14.1. Electronic filings

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

1 on the confirmation of electronic filing sent from the system, if the clerk of court
2 accepts the electronic filing. Public access to electronically filed pleadings and
3 documents shall be in accordance with the rules governing access to written filings.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Permits court filings to clerks of court on letter size paper.

Present law authorizes paper or electronic filings of pleadings, documents, and exhibits.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that any pleading or document filed electronically or in paper form is acceptable on legal or letter size paper.

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