

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 151

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

CRIMINAL/RECORDS: Provides relative to expungement of arrest information

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 978.1, relative to expungement; to provide for
3 submission of documents to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information
4 with a motion to expunge; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 978.1 is hereby enacted to read as
7 follows:

8 Art. 978.1. Requirements for submitting motion to expunge arrest information

9 The following documents shall be submitted to the Bureau of Criminal
10 Identification and Information in addition to the motion for expungement:

11 (1) Criminal background check from the Louisiana State Police or a
12 respective sheriff's office dated within sixty days of filing.

13 (2) Certification letter from the district attorney verifying to his knowledge
14 that the applicant has no convictions or pending applicable charges within the
15 requisite time period of Code of Criminal Procedure Article 978 with the office of
16 the district attorney, and whether any charges were refused related to the arrest
17 incident in the motion for expungement.

- 1 (3) Court minute entries showing final disposition of the case, or in the
2 absence of court minutes, a charge disposition report, or a letter from the Clerk of
3 Court that no such records exist.
- 4 (4) Charging instrument, including a bill of information, indictment, or
5 affidavit.
-

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 151 Reengrossed

2026 Regular Session

Boyer

Abstract: Requires a person making a motion to expunge arrest information to provide additional documentation to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.

Present law provides for motions to expunge.

Proposed law retains present law and requires someone making a motion to expunge arrest information to also provide, if they exist, criminal background checks, certification letter from the district attorney verifying the applicant has no convictions or pending charges, court minutes showing final disposition, and the charging instrument to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information in addition to the motion to expunge.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 978.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by HouseThe House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Clarify what documents are required for submission to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information in addition to the motion to expunge arrest information.
2. Make technical changes.