

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  
20 identification ~~numbers~~ number, driver's license ~~numbers~~ number, financial account  
21 ~~numbers~~ number, ~~full dates of birth~~, or any information protected from disclosure by  
22 state or federal law. The clerk of court shall adopt a system for the electronic filing

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

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

9 Art. 14.1. Electronic filings

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

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**DIGEST**

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HB 227 Reengrossed

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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.

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 matters.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove full dates of birth from the list of prohibited information in both civil and criminal court matters.