

Regular Session, 2012

ACT No. 593

HOUSE BILL NO. 784

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 44:4(45), relative to records exempt from the public records law; to provide
3 for an exemption for information contained on certain electronic devices used by
4 court reporters; to provide for an exemption for certain physical medium used in or
5 as an electronic storage device by a court reporter; to provide an exemption for
6 certain paper documents created by court reporters; to provide for definitions; to
7 provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 44:4(45) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §4. Applicability

11 This Chapter shall not apply:

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13 (45)(a) To the physical medium or contents of any electronic storage device
14 including any compact disc, digital video disc, jump drive, audio or video cassette
15 tape, or any other type of electronic storage device, or to any shorthand or longhand
16 notes or writings or stenotype paper tapes in the custody or under the control of a
17 judge, clerk of court, official court reporter, deputy official court reporter, or
18 certified electronic reporter and which are produced, made, or used by an official
19 court reporter, deputy official court reporter, free lance reporter, or certified
20 electronic reporter in any court of record of the state during any proceedings before
21 that court to report the proceedings or for the purpose of transcribing into typewriting
22 those portions of the proceedings required by law or by the court to be transcribed.

23 (b) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to
24 the physical medium or contents of any electronic storage device if used or referred

1 to in any hearing, administrative proceedings, or disciplinary proceeding, the record
2 of which is public according to law, before the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana,
3 the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, the
4 Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, or any board, hearing officer,
5 or panel of such entities.

6 (c) As used in this Paragraph, the terms "official court reporter", "deputy
7 official court reporter", "free lance reporter", and "certified electronic reporter" shall
8 have the same meanings as provided in R.S. 13:961 and R.S. 37:2555.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____