

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 478

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

CRIMINAL/RECORDS: Provides with respect to methods of requesting expunged records by law enforcement officers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 973(A)(1), relative to  
3 expungement of criminal records; to provide relative to the method by which law  
4 enforcement officers may request expunged records; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 973(A)(1) is hereby amended and  
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 Art. 973. Effect of expunged record of arrest or conviction

10 A. An expunged record of arrest or conviction shall be confidential and no  
11 longer considered to be a public record and shall not be made available to any person  
12 or other entity except for the following:

13 (1) To a member of a law enforcement or criminal justice agency or  
14 prosecutor who shall request that information ~~in writing~~, certifying that the request  
15 is for the purpose of investigating, prosecuting, or enforcing criminal law, for the  
16 purpose of any other statutorily defined law enforcement or administrative duties,  
17 or for the purposes of the requirements of sex offender registration and notification  
18 pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 15:540 et seq.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Deletes the requirement that a request for expunged records by law enforcement officers be made in writing.

Present law allows a law enforcement officer, criminal justice agency, or prosecutor to obtain expunged records for investigative and other purposes but requires that such a request be made in writing.

Proposed law removes the requirement that the request for expungement records be made in writing.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 973(A)(1))