

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 SENATE BILL 1810

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to sealing of court records;  
8 requiring sealing of records upon dismissal of  
9 certain case; requiring certain written stipulation;  
10 prohibiting public availability of certain records;  
11 requiring removal of certain records; providing  
12 exceptions to access of certain records; prohibiting  
13 sale or release of certain records; specifying  
14 applicability to certain records; providing for  
15 codification; and providing an effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2011.12 of Title 12, unless  
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. In an action for small claims pursuant to the Small Claims  
21 Procedure Act, Section 1751 et seq. of Title 12 of the Oklahoma  
22 Statutes, or for forcible entry and detainer pursuant to Section  
23 1148.1 et seq. of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the court  
24 entering an order that dismisses the action prior to entry of a  
25 judgment or that enters a judgment in favor of the defendant shall  
26 issue an order sealing all records related to the case.

1 B. The court shall order the sealing of a forcible entry and  
2 detainer case on the filing of a written stipulation by the parties  
3 to set aside a judgment for the plaintiff and seal the records of  
4 the case.

5 C. Records that are sealed pursuant to this section shall be  
6 removed from and shall not appear in any database available to the  
7 public.

8 D. If the records in a small claims or forcible entry and  
9 detainer action are sealed, the defendant's case records shall only  
10 be available to the following:

11 1. The person whose records are sealed and any part or any  
12 attorney who has made an appearance in the case where records are  
13 sealed;

14 2. The court; and

15 3. The court clerk or any department that is responsible for  
16 maintenance of records.

17 In no event shall the defendant's sealed case be sold or  
18 released as part of a bulk or individual records transfer to a third  
19 party.

20 E. The provisions of this section shall apply to all records  
21 relating to an action for small claims or forcible entry and  
22 detainer that are maintained by the court including but not limited  
23 to the complaint and any other pleadings, proof of service, any  
24 findings and orders of the court, and all other papers, records,

1 proceedings, and evidence including exhibits and transcripts of  
2 testimony.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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