

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 815

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to sealing of court records; requiring immediate sealing of records upon dismissal of certain case; requiring sealing of records of certain case within certain time period after judgment; prohibiting public availability of certain records; requiring removal of certain records; providing exceptions to access of certain records; prohibiting sale or release of certain records; specifying applicability to certain records; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

A. 1. In an action for forcible entry and detainer pursuant to Section 1148.1 et seq. of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the court entering an order that dismisses the action prior to entry of a judgment or that enters a judgment in favor of the defendant shall issue an order to immediately seal all records related to the case.

1 2. In an action for forcible entry and detainer pursuant to
2 Section 1148.1 et seq. of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the
3 court entering a judgment in favor of the plaintiff shall issue an
4 order to seal all records related to the case two (2) years after
5 the date of the judgment.

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

9 C. When the records in a forcible entry and detainer action are
10 sealed, the defendant's case records shall only be available to the
11 following:

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

15 2. The court; and

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

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

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

1 of the court, and all other papers, records, proceedings, and
2 evidence including exhibits and transcripts of testimony.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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