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Bill Summary

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Section

- Expungement. Requiring the court to expunge eviction cases, where previously it was discretionary and removing requirements for the defendant to motion for the expungement. This section adds a provision that if the court find in favor of a tenant in the eviction action, then the eviction must not appear on the tenant's public record and the tenant cannot be held liable for any costs incurred and that if the court finds in favor of the landlord, that the eviction not be reported to the public or to credit agencies until final disposition of the case.
- **Expungement after three years.** Requires expungement of all evictions after three years have passed since the date of the order. This section also adds language that prohibits a landlord from considering an eviction order from a reporting agency or any other public record located in Minnesota or outside the state after three years have passed from the date of the eviction order.
- Nonpublic record. Adds a provision to the landlord and tenant chapter that prevents an eviction order from being a public record until final disposition of the case and references the eviction expungement law in section 1.