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Second engrossment

Subject Eligibility for discretionary and mandatory eviction expungements

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Overview

This bill amends when the court can grant a discretionary eviction expungement, and when the court must grant a mandatory eviction expungement. These cases can be brought on the motion of the defendant (tenant) but can also be ordered directly by the court.

Summary

Section Description

1 Discretionary expungement.

Changes the one part of the standard for a court to order an eviction to require that the eviction is no longer a reasonable predictor of future tenant behavior.

2 Mandatory expungement.

Adds additional situations where an eviction action could be expunged by the court to include when:

- the tenant prevails on the merits of the case;
- the court dismisses the landlord's complaint for any reason;
- the parties have agreed to an expungement;
- when the eviction was ordered three years prior to the date the expungement was filed; or
- if the case settles and the defendant fulfills the terms of the settlement.

3 Nonpublic record.

This section requires the courts to keep eviction case filings confidential until after the case has been decided.



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