

# HB2065



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/7/2023, by Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

735 ILCS 5/9-121

Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Makes a technical change in provisions concerning sealing of court files in an eviction action.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by  
5 changing Section 9-121 as follows:

6 (735 ILCS 5/9-121)

7 Sec. 9-121. Sealing of court file.

8 (a) Definition. As used in this Section, "court file"  
9 means the ~~the~~ court file created when an eviction action is  
10 filed with the court.

11 (b) Discretionary sealing of court file. The court may  
12 order that a court file in an eviction action be placed under  
13 seal if the court finds that the plaintiff's action is  
14 sufficiently without a basis in fact or law, which may include  
15 a lack of jurisdiction, that placing the court file under seal  
16 is clearly in the interests of justice, and that those  
17 interests are not outweighed by the public's interest in  
18 knowing about the record.

19 (c) Mandatory sealing of court file. The court file  
20 relating to an eviction action brought against a tenant under  
21 Section 9-207.5 of this Code or as set forth in subdivision  
22 (h) (6) of Section 15-1701 of this Code shall be placed under  
23 seal.

1 (d) This Section is operative on and after August 1, 2022.

2 (Source: P.A. 102-5, eff. 5-17-21.)