OLR Bill Analysis sSB 200

AN ACT CONCERNING SUMMARY PROCESS RECORDS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the judicial branch to remove from its website any records or identifying information related to a summary process action (i.e., eviction proceeding) that is withdrawn, dismissed or nonsuited, or decided in the defendant's (i.e., tenant's) favor. The judicial branch must do so within 30 days after the action's disposition. If an action is decided in favor of the plaintiff (i.e., landlord), the judicial branch must remove the records or identifying information one year after judgment is entered unless directed to do so sooner by court order.

The bill also prohibits an individual or entity that purchases bulk summary process records for commercial purposes (e.g., selling the records or providing consumer reporting- and prospective tenant screening-related services) from disclosing a record if it has actual knowledge of the record's removal from the judicial branch's website.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2023, and applicable to civil actions filed on or after that date.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 13 Nay 2 (03/10/2022)