

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

COURTS: Provides relative to the retention of certain court records

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:4682 and 4686, relative to the Louisiana State University  
3 Law Library; to discontinue the requirement that the library keep duplicate copies  
4 of transcripts and briefs from the Supreme Court of Louisiana and the Courts of  
5 Appeal of the state of Louisiana; to require duplicate copies of records previously  
6 received by the library from the Courts of Appeal to be retained for a specified  
7 number of years; to authorize the destruction of certain records; and to provide for  
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 13:4682 and 4686 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
11 follows:

12 §4682. Preservation of duplicate file of transcripts of cases finally disposed of by  
13 Supreme Court; designation of Louisiana State University Law Library as  
14 depository; destruction of certain records

15 ~~For the purpose of preserving a duplicate file of one of the triplicate copies~~  
16 ~~of each transcript of appeal of cases finally disposed of by the Supreme Court, and~~  
17 ~~for the further purpose of providing a duplicate file of each of the briefs lodged in~~  
18 ~~the Supreme Court, the Louisiana State University Law Library is hereby designated~~  
19 ~~as a depository to receive these documents from the clerk of the Supreme Court of~~  
20 ~~Louisiana and to catalogue, index, file and preserve the documents.~~



1 ~~after the appointed date of removal and destruction. The library shall maintain a~~  
2 ~~public record of the materials that are removed and destroyed, which record shall~~  
3 ~~show the respective depositor court of appeal, case name, docket number, year of~~  
4 ~~deposit, and date of destruction. Any duplicate records transmitted to the Louisiana~~  
5 ~~State University Law Library by a Court of Appeal prior to August 15, 2010, may~~  
6 ~~be removed and destroyed by the library after the lapse of five years from the date~~  
7 ~~of deposit. The duplicate records transmitted by a Court of Appeal shall be retained~~  
8 ~~for the five-year period except as otherwise ordered by the Supreme Court of~~  
9 ~~Louisiana.~~

10 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, except as  
11 authorized by order of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the Louisiana State  
12 University Law Library shall not dispose of any records of any criminal cases that  
13 have been previously transferred to the Louisiana State University Law Library by  
14 the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal or the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that effective Aug. 15, 2010, the LSU Law Library shall cease to serve as the depository for duplicate copies of materials of the La. Supreme Court and courts of appeal.

Present law designates the LSU Law Library as a depository to receive a copy of each transcript of appeal of cases finally disposed of by the supreme court and each brief logged in the supreme court and to catalogue, index, file, and preserve the documents.

Proposed law requires, effective Aug. 15, 2010, that the LSU Law Library shall cease to serve as the depository for duplicate copies of transcripts and briefs of cases finally disposed of by the supreme court and prohibits the clerk of the supreme court from transmitting duplicate copies of transcripts and briefs to the library.

Proposed law requires the LSU Law Library to continue to store and maintain records transmitted by the clerk of the supreme court between the dates of Jan. 1, 1980 and Aug. 15, 2010, pending further orders of the Supreme Court of La.

Proposed law authorizes the LSU Law Library to destroy all duplicate records received prior to Jan. 1, 1980.

Present law designates the LSU Law Library as a depository to receive, catalog, index, file, and preserve documents, records, and books as may be transmitted by the clerks of the courts of appeal in accordance with the direction and orders of the respective courts.

Proposed law requires, effective Aug. 15, 2010, that the LSU Law Library shall cease to serve as the depository for duplicate copies of transcripts and briefs of cases finally disposed of by the courts of appeal of La. and prohibits the clerks of the courts of appeal from transmitting duplicate copies of transcripts and briefs to the library.

Present law authorizes the LSU Law Library, after giving specified notice to the court of appeal which does not object, to remove and destroy materials transmitted to them by a court of appeal, except the record in a criminal appeal, after the lapse of five years from the date of deposit.

Present law requires the library to maintain a public record of the materials that are removed and destroyed, which record shall show the respective depositor court of appeal, case name, docket number, year of deposit, and date of destruction.

Proposed law deletes present law and authorizes the LSU Law Library to remove and destroy any duplicate records transmitted to it by a court of appeal prior to Aug. 15, 2010, after the lapse of five years from the date of deposit.

Proposed law requires the library to retain the duplicate records transmitted by a court of appeal for the five-year period unless ordered by the supreme court.

Proposed law prohibits the LSU Law Library from disposing of any records or criminal cases previously transferred by the 4th and 5th circuit courts of appeal.

(Amends R.S. 13:4682 and 4686)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Clarified that the LSU Law Library is authorized to destroy all "duplicate" records received prior to Jan. 1, 1980.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Prohibited the LSU Law Library from disposing of any records of criminal cases previously transferred by the 4th and 5th circuit courts of appeal.