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HOUSE BILL NO. 784

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:4(45), relative to records exempt from the public records law; to provide for an exemption for information contained on certain electronic devices used by court reporters; to provide for an exemption for certain physical medium used in or as an electronic storage device by a court reporter; to provide an exemption for certain paper documents created by court reporters; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 44:4(45) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4. Applicability

This Chapter shall not apply:

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(45)(a) To the physical medium or contents of any electronic storage device including any compact disc, digital video disc, jump drive, audio or video cassette tape, or any other type of electronic storage device, or to any shorthand or longhand notes or writings or stenotype paper tapes in the custody or under the control of a judge, clerk of court, official court reporter, deputy official court reporter, or certified electronic reporter and which are produced, made, or used by an official court reporter, deputy official court reporter, free lance reporter, or certified electronic reporter in any court of record of the state during any proceedings before that court to report the proceedings or for the purpose of transcribing into typewriting those portions of the proceedings required by law or by the court to be transcribed.

(b) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to the physical medium or contents of any electronic storage device if used or referred

1 to in any hearing, administrative proceedings, or disciplinary proceeding, the record
 2 of which is public according to law, before the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana,
 3 the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, the
 4 Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, or any board, hearing officer,
 5 or panel of such entities.

6 (c) As used in this Paragraph, the terms "official court reporter", "deputy
 7 official court reporter", "free lance reporter", and "certified electronic reporter" shall
 8 have the same meanings as provided in R.S. 13:961 and R.S. 37:2555.

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____