

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 adding  
5 Section 9-121 as follows:

6 (735 ILCS 5/9-121 new)

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

8 (a) Definition. As used in this Section, "court file" means  
9 the court file created when a forcible entry and detainer  
10 action is filed with the court.

11 (b) Discretionary sealing of court file. The court may  
12 order that a court file in a forcible entry and detainer action  
13 be placed under seal if the court finds that the plaintiff's  
14 action is sufficiently without a basis in fact or law, which  
15 may include a lack of jurisdiction, that placing the court file  
16 under seal is clearly in the interests of justice, and that  
17 those 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 a forcible entry and detainer action brought  
21 against a tenant who would have lawful possession of the  
22 premises but for the foreclosure on the property shall be  
23 sealed pursuant to Section 15-1701.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2           becoming law.