DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Rather than require clerks of court to determine if a person who has been convicted of a drug offense is a tenant, which would be extremely onerous for the clerks, we have required the clerk of court to provide notice to the owner of property that is the residence of a person convicted of a drug offense. In some cases, the property owner may be the person, or a family member of the person, who was convicted. You could eliminate the requirement for the clerks of court and simply have landlords check the court records, as often as a landlord wishes, to determine if a tenant has been convicted of a drug offense. That way you would avoid the cost of having clerks provide notice.

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