|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Legislation** | **What is it?** | **Say to your representative…** |
| **IN State Senators and Representatives****Eviction Laws** **(e.g., SB 233)** | Create an eviction expungement process to prevent tenants from receiving a so-called “Scarlet E,” the lasting disclosure of a past eviction on their record, which can follow tenants for years, even when the eviction file never goes to court or a ruling ends in the tenant’s favor. SB 233 would prohibit the court or a case manager from disclosing information about a tenant’s past eviction history if the tenant’s eviction case was dismissed or the tenant prevailed in the case, or if the tenant has been eviction-free for at least seven years.  | To all legislators: Please support changes to eviction laws that expunge or prohibit disclose of tenants’ past eviction records for tenants who have been cleared of eviction charges or have not had recent evictions. To Sen: Please support current bill SB 233 seeking to change eviction disclosure laws.  |
| **IN State Senators** **Habitability Standards Enforcement (SB 230)** | Requires a landlord to repair or replace essential utility services needed for safe and habitable occupation not later than 24 hours after being notified by a tenant that the tenant's rental unit is without the essential service. Provides that a tenant may enforce a legal obligation of a landlord by providing notice of the landlord's noncompliance and allows for certain remedies to the tenant for the landlord's noncompliance.   | To Senators: Please support SB 230, a bipartisan bill aimed at giving tenants legal protections from (or leverage against) landlords who don’t reply promptly to broken or disrupted utility services (e.g., water, power, and heat).  |
| **Senators and Representatives****Transparency & Correction in Gov’t Applications** | Provide a right for tenants to see their tenant screening records for those who are denied housing to remedy and rectify inaccurate information.  | Please support and consider drafting legislation that allows tenants to legally edit and correct inaccurate information on their government forms that have caused them to be denied housing or their assistance applications to be disqualified.  |
| **Senators and Representatives****Seeking Long-Term State Housing Solutions** | Explore solutions to Indiana’s long-term housing stability and habitability crisis by studying what’s worked in courtrooms and municipalities in other states to prohibit housing discrimination and prevent habitability violations through options including escrow of rent, “repair and deduct,” and “pay to stay” provisions.  | Please study long-term housing solutions other local and state governments have incorporated to enable their residents to have ample options for safe, affordable, and equitable housing. And please pursue (long-term, bipartisan) legislation to allow IN residents to be afforded similar opportunities for and access to tenant legal protections and safe, affordable housing. |