

CHAPTER 18

AN ACT concerning certain prosecutorial information posted on websites and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes and Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.52:17B-244 Removal of certain information from websites concerning prosecutions by the Attorney General.

1. a. For all indictments and prosecutions by the Attorney General of persons who were thereafter acquitted of all criminal charges against them arising from the indictment or prosecution or persons who had all criminal charges against them dismissed with prejudice, if the Attorney General published on its website a press release or information, other than information required to be made available to the public under section 3 of P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-3), concerning the indictment or prosecution which identified the person by name, upon written request of that person, the Attorney General shall cause that press release or information to be removed from its website or inform the public on its website that the person who was indicted or prosecuted was acquitted of the criminal charges or that the criminal charges were dismissed.

b. Upon written request, the Attorney General shall provide a letter to any person who was indicted by the State or prosecuted by the Attorney General and was thereafter acquitted of all criminal charges arising from the indictment or prosecution or who had all criminal charges against him dismissed with prejudice, indicating that the person was acquitted of, or that there was a dismissal with prejudice of, all criminal charges arising from the indictment or prosecution.

C.2A:158-22 Removal of certain information from websites concerning prosecutions by county prosecutors.

2. a. For all indictments and prosecutions by the county prosecutor of persons who were thereafter acquitted of all criminal charges against them arising from the indictment or prosecution or persons who had all criminal charges against them dismissed with prejudice, if the county prosecutor published on its website a press release or information, other than information required to be made available to the public under section 3 of P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-3), concerning the indictment or prosecution which identified the person by name, upon written request of that person, the county prosecutor shall cause that press release or information to be removed from its website or inform the public on its website that the person who was indicted or prosecuted was acquitted of the criminal charges or that the criminal charges were dismissed.

b. Upon written request, the county prosecutor shall provide a letter to any person who was indicted or prosecuted by the county prosecutor and was thereafter acquitted of all criminal charges arising from the indictment or prosecution or who had all criminal charges against him dismissed with prejudice, indicating that the person was acquitted of, or that there was a dismissal with prejudice of, all criminal charges arising from the indictment or prosecution.

3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month following enactment.

Approved February 10, 2017.