

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 409 (HB 68)**

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Existing law provides for the use of electronic signatures. Prior law prohibited the application of laws governing the use of electronic signatures from applying to adoptions, divorces, or other matters of family law.

New law retains prior law except it allows electronic signatures for petitions for temporary restraining orders issued pursuant to the Domestic Abuse Assistance Act (R.S. 46:2131 et seq.) or the Protection from Dating Violence Act (R.S. 46:2151).

Existing law defines the crime of violation of protective orders as the willful disobedience of a preliminary or permanent injunction or protective order issued pursuant to certain provisions of existing law if the defendant was given notice of the order by service of process.

Existing law also provides that a defendant may be properly served if tendered a certified copy of a temporary restraining order or ex parte protective order by any law enforcement officer who has been called to any scene where the name defendant is present.

New law retains existing law and adds that a defendant may be properly served if tendered a faxed or electronic copy of a temporary restraining order or ex parte protective order received directly from the issuing magistrate, commissioner, hearing officer, judge, or court.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 9:2603(B)(4)(a) and R.S. 14:79(A)(1)(b))