

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 259

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. Authorizes the creation of a civil protective order online application portal. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 46:2136.2(H), relative to domestic abuse assistance; to authorize the creation
3 of a statewide portal to allow an online application for a protective order; to provide
4 relative to a petition for a temporary restraining order; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 46:2136.2(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2136.2. Louisiana Protective Order Registry; **statewide portal**

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10 **H. The judicial administrator's office may develop and implement a**
11 **statewide portal that allows petitioners to file an online petition requesting any**
12 **protective order authorized by this Part. Notwithstanding any provisions of R.S.**
13 **46:2134(D), any petition for a protective order filed through a statewide portal**
14 **shall require an affirmation signed and dated by electronic means by the**
15 **petitioner that the facts and circumstances contained in the petition are true**
16 **and correct to the best knowledge, information, and belief of the petitioner,**
17 **under penalty of perjury pursuant to R.S. 14:123. The affirmation shall be**

1 **made before a witness who shall sign his name electronically.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law provides relative to the La. Protective Order Registry (registry), which is administered by the judicial administrator's office of the La. Supreme Court. Present law provides that the judicial administrator's office is to collect statewide data relative to abuse prevention orders that is transmitted to it from courts, law enforcement, and private process servers of the state and enter it into the registry.

Proposed law authorizes the judicial administrator's office to develop and implement a statewide portal that allows petitioners to file online a petition requesting any protective order authorized by present law.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires that a petition requesting the issuance of an ex parte temporary restraining order contain a written affirmation signed and dated by the petitioner that the facts and circumstances contained in the petition are true and correct, under penalty of perjury. Further provides that the affirmation be made before a witness, who must sign and print his name.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that a petition for a protective order filed through a statewide portal.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 46:2136.2(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Make technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Add provision requiring an affirmation signed and dated by electronic means by the petitioner requesting the protective order, and that the affirmation be made before a witness.