

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 366

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

DOMESTIC ABUSE: Provides relative to continuance of hearings in domestic abuse matters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2135(E), relative to continuance of hearings with respect to  
3 temporary restraining orders; to limit the opportunity for further continuance; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 46:2135(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2135. Temporary restraining order

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9 E. If the hearing pursuant to Subsection B or D of this Section is continued,  
10 the court shall make or extend such temporary restraining orders as it deems  
11 necessary. Any continuance of a hearing ordered pursuant to Subsection B or D of  
12 this Section shall not exceed fifteen days, ~~unless good cause is shown for further~~  
13 continuance.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes the ability to show cause for continuance of a temporary restraining order protecting the petitioner, any minor children, or a person alleged to be an incompetent.

Present law provides for a temporary restraining order in civil suits alleging domestic violence.

Present law provides that when a hearing to show cause for the temporary restraining order is continued, a continuance of hearing regarding the temporary restraining order shall not exceed 15 days unless good cause is shown.

Proposed law removes the ability to show cause for continuing the temporary restraining order and prohibits continuing the temporary restraining order beyond 15 days.

(Amends R.S. 46:2135(E))