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DIGEST

SB 259 Reengrossed 2026 Regular Session Barrow

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.