ACT No. 409

HOUSE BILL NO. 68

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA AND BERTHELOT

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2603(B)(4)(a) and R.S. 14:79(A)(1)(b), relative to electronic
3	signatures; to provide for the use of electronic signatures on petitions for certain
4	protective orders and restraining orders; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 9:2603(B)(4)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§2603. Scope
8	* * *
9	B. This Chapter shall not apply to:
10	* * *
11	(4)(a) A law governing adoption, divorce, or other matters of family law,
12	with the exception of a temporary restraining order issued pursuant to Domestic
13	Abuse Assistance, R.S. 46:2131 et seq., or Protection from Dating Violence Act,
14	R.S. 46:2151.
15	* * *
16	Section 2. R.S. 14:79(A)(1)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
17	§79. Violation of protective orders
18	A.(1)(a)
19	* * *
20	(b) A defendant may also be deemed to have been properly served if
21	tendered a certified copy of a temporary restraining order or ex parte protective

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order, or 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, by any law enforcement officer who has been called to any scene where the named defendant is present. Such service of a previously issued temporary restraining order or ex parte protective order if noted in the police report shall be deemed sufficient evidence of service of process and

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admissible in any civil or criminal proceedings.

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