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THE STATE SENATE
Thursday, March 27, 2003

ENGROSSED
House Bill No. 1667
As Amended

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1667 - By: VAUGHN and PETERS of the House
and COFFEE of the Senate.

[criminal procedure - Protection from Domestic Abuse Act -
modifying procedures - Criminal Justice Resource Center -
statutory forms - protective orders - codification -
effective date]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2001, Section 60.1, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 60.1 As used in the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act
and in the Domestic Abuse Reporting Act, Sections 40.5 through 40.7
of this title and Section 150.12B of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
Statutes:

1. "Domestic abuse" means any act of physical harm, or the
threat of imminent physical harm which is committed by an adult,
emancipated minor, or minor child thirteen (13) years of age or
older against another adult, emancipated minor or minor child who
are family or household members or who are or were in a dating
relationship;

1 2. "Stalking" means the willful, malicious, and repeated
2 following of a person by an adult, emancipated minor, or minor
3 thirteen (13) years of age or older, with the intent of placing the
4 person in reasonable fear of death or great bodily injury;

5 3. "Harassment" means a knowing and willful course or pattern
6 of conduct by an adult, emancipated minor, or minor thirteen (13)
7 years of age or older, directed at a specific person which seriously
8 alarms or annoys the person, and which serves no legitimate purpose.
9 The course of conduct must be such as would cause a reasonable
10 person to suffer substantial emotional distress, and must actually
11 cause substantial distress to the person. "Harassment" shall
12 include, but not be limited to, harassing or obscene telephone calls
13 in violation of Section 1172 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes
14 and fear of death or bodily injury;

15 4. "Family or household members" means:
16 a. spouses,
17 b. ex-spouses,
18 c. present spouses of ex-spouses,
19 d. parents, including grandparents, stepparents, adoptive
20 parents and foster parents,
21 e. children, including grandchildren, stepchildren,
22 adopted children and foster children,
23 f. persons otherwise related by blood or marriage,

- 1 g. persons living in the same household or who formerly
2 lived in the same household, and
3 h. persons who are the biological parents of the same
4 child, regardless of their marital status, or whether
5 they have lived together at any time. This shall
6 include the elderly and handicapped;

7 5. "Dating relationship" means a courtship or engagement
8 relationship. For purposes of this act, a casual acquaintance or
9 ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social
10 context shall not constitute a dating relationship;

11 6. "Foreign protective order" means any valid order of
12 protection issued by a court of another state or a tribal court; ~~and~~

13 7. "Rape" means rape and rape by instrumentation in violation
14 of Sections 1111 and 1111.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

15 8. "Victim support person" means a person affiliated with a
16 certified domestic violence or sexual assault program, certified by
17 the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or
18 certified by a recognized Native American Tribe if operating mainly
19 within tribal lands, who provides support and assistance for a
20 person who files a petition under the Protection from Domestic
21 Violence Act; and

22 9. "Mutual protective order" means a final protective order or
23 orders issued to both a plaintiff who has filed a petition for a

1 protective order and a defendant included as the defendant in the
2 plaintiff's petition restraining the parties from committing
3 domestic violence, stalking, harassment or rape against each other.
4 If both parties allege domestic abuse, violence, stalking,
5 harassment or rape against each other, the parties shall do so by
6 separate petition pursuant to Section 60.4 of this title.

7 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2001, Section 60.2, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 60.2 A. A victim of domestic abuse, a victim of
10 stalking, a victim of harassment, a victim of rape, any adult or
11 emancipated minor household member on behalf of any other family or
12 household member who is a minor or incompetent, or any minor age
13 sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years may seek relief under the
14 provisions of the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act.

15 1. The person seeking relief may file a petition for a
16 protective order with the district court in the county in which the
17 victim resides, the county in which the defendant resides, or the
18 county in which the domestic violence occurred. If the person
19 seeking relief is a victim of stalking or harassment but is not a
20 family or household member or an individual who is or has been in a
21 dating relationship with the defendant, the person seeking relief
22 must file a complaint against the defendant with the proper law
23 enforcement agency before filing a petition for a protective order

1 with the district court. The person seeking relief shall provide a
2 copy of the complaint that was filed with the law enforcement agency
3 when filing the petition for the protective order. The filing of a
4 petition for a protective order shall not require jurisdiction or
5 venue of the criminal offense if either the plaintiff or defendant
6 resides in the county. ~~A petition for a protective order filed by a~~
7 ~~victim that is a family or household member of the defendant shall~~
8 ~~be given priority for service over other protective orders~~ If a
9 petition has been filed in an action for divorce or separate
10 maintenance and either party to the action files a petition for a
11 protective order in the same county where the action for divorce or
12 separate maintenance is filed, the petition for the protective order
13 shall be filed with the court hearing the divorce or separate
14 maintenance action. If the defendant is a minor child, the petition
15 shall be filed with the court having jurisdiction over juvenile
16 matters.

17 2. When the abuse occurs when the court is not open for
18 business, such person may request an emergency temporary order of
19 protection as authorized by Section 40.3 of this title.

20 B. The petition forms shall be provided by the clerk of the
21 court and shall be in substantially the following form:

22 ~~IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY~~
23 ~~STATE OF OKLAHOMA~~

1 _____)

2 Plaintiff _____)

3 _____)

4 vs. _____) Case No. _____

5 _____)

6 _____)

7 Defendant _____)

8 ~~PETITION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER~~

9 Plaintiff, being sworn, states:

10 1. ~~(Check one or more)~~

11 ~~[] The defendant caused or attempted to cause serious physical~~
12 ~~harm to _____.~~

13 ~~[] The defendant threatened _____ with imminent~~
14 ~~serious physical harm.~~

15 ~~[] The defendant has stalked or harassed _____.~~

16 2. ~~The incident causing the filing of this petition occurred on or~~
17 ~~about _____.~~

18 ~~(date)~~

19 ~~(Describe what happened:)~~

20 _____

21 _____

22 _____

23 _____

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

4 ~~3. The victim and the defendant are related as follows:~~

5 ~~(check one)~~

6 ~~married~~

7 ~~divorced~~

8 ~~parent and child~~

9 ~~persons related by blood~~

10 ~~persons related by marriage~~

11 ~~present spouse of an ex-spouse~~

12 ~~persons living in the same household~~

13 ~~persons formerly living in the same household~~

14 ~~biological parents of the same child~~

15 ~~persons in a dating relationship~~

16 ~~persons in a previous dating relationship~~

17 ~~not related~~

18 ~~4. (Answer this question only if the plaintiff is filing on behalf~~
19 ~~of someone else, minor or incompetent)~~

20 ~~The plaintiff and the victim are related as follows:~~

21 ~~married~~

22 ~~divorced~~

23 ~~parent and child~~

1 order the defendant to leave the residence located at
2 _____ on or before _____.

3 order the defendant who is a minor child to leave the
4 residence located at _____ by immediately placing
5 the defendant in any type of care authorized for children
6 taken into custody pursuant to subsection A of Section
7 7303-1.1 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

8 Circle age of defendant: ~~Thirteen (13), fourteen (14),~~
9 ~~fifteen (15), sixteen (16), or seventeen (17) years.~~

10 _____
11 ~~(describe other relief that plaintiff requests)~~

12 ~~(B)~~ The plaintiff does not request an emergency ex parte order.

13 ~~6. Plaintiff requests the following order to be made by the court~~
14 ~~following notice to the defendant and a hearing: (check one or~~
15 ~~more)~~

16 order the defendant not to abuse or injure the victim.

17 order the defendant not to telephone, visit, assault,
18 molest, stalk or otherwise interfere with the victim.

19 order suspension of child visitation orders due to physical
20 violence or threat of abuse by the defendant or a threat to
21 violate a custody order by the defendant.

22 order the defendant not to threaten the victim.

23 order the defendant to cease stalking the victim.

1 ~~[] order the defendant to cease harassment of the victim.~~
2 ~~[] order the defendant to leave the residence located at~~
3 ~~_____ on or before _____.~~
4 ~~[] order the defendant who is a minor child to leave the~~
5 ~~residence located at _____ by immediately placing~~
6 ~~the defendant in any type of care authorized for children~~
7 ~~taken into custody pursuant to subsection A of Section~~
8 ~~7303-1.1 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~
9 ~~Circle age of defendant: Thirteen (13), fourteen (14),~~
10 ~~fifteen (15), sixteen (16), or seventeen (17) years.~~
11 ~~[] _____ (describe~~
12 ~~other relief that plaintiff requests)~~
13 ~~[] order the defendant to pay attorney fees of the plaintiff~~
14 ~~in the sum of _____ on or before~~
15 ~~_____.~~
16 ~~[] order the defendant to pay the court costs and costs of~~
17 ~~service of process of this action in the sum of _____~~
18 ~~on or before _____.~~
19 ~~[] order the defendant to pay the law enforcement agency a~~
20 ~~photo evidence fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for photographs~~
21 ~~taken of the victim's injury or crime scenes.~~
22 7. ~~[] Victim is a resident of the county wherein this petition is~~
23 ~~filed.~~

1 ~~[] Defendant is a resident of the county wherein this petition~~
2 ~~is filed.~~

3 ~~[] The domestic abuse occurred in the county where this~~
4 ~~petition is filed, but neither the victim nor defendant are~~
5 ~~residents of this county.~~

6 ~~8. WARNING: Whoever makes a statement or allegation in this~~
7 ~~Petition for Protective Order but does not believe that the~~
8 ~~statement or allegation is true, or knows that it is not true,~~
9 ~~or intends thereby to avoid or obstruct the ascertainment of the~~
10 ~~truth, may be found guilty of perjury. Pursuant to Sections 500~~
11 ~~and 504 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the penalty for~~
12 ~~perjury, or subornation of perjury, is a felony punishable by~~
13 ~~imprisonment for not more than five (5) years.~~

14 ~~9. Plaintiff, being first duly sworn on oath states: That I have~~
15 ~~read the above and foregoing document, understand the meaning~~
16 ~~thereof, and declare, under penalty of perjury, that the facts~~
17 ~~and statements contained herein are believed to the best of my~~
18 ~~knowledge to be the truth, and nothing but the truth.~~

19 _____
20 _____
21 Plaintiff

21 Witness my hand and seal, affixed on the ___ day of _____, 20__.

22 _____
23 _____
Court Clerk, Deputy Court Clerk,

1 ~~or Notary Public~~

2 The Administrative Office of the Courts shall develop a standard
3 form for the petition.

4 C. ~~No~~ 1. Except as otherwise provided by this section, no
5 filing fee ~~or~~, service of process fee, attorney fees or any other
6 fee or costs shall be charged the plaintiff or victim at ~~the~~ any
7 time ~~the~~ for filing a petition is filed for a protective order
8 whether a protective order is granted or not granted. The court
9 ~~shall~~ may assess court costs, service of process fees, attorney
10 fees, other fees and filing fees against the defendant at the
11 hearing on the petition, if ~~the petition~~ a protective order is
12 granted, ~~or~~ against either party if the petition is denied. ~~No~~
13 ~~peace officer shall require payment of service of process fees in~~
14 ~~advance of service of any petition or order nor shall any peace~~
15 ~~officer deny service of a petition for a protective order or any ex~~
16 ~~parte, emergency or final protective order due to nonpayment of a~~
17 ~~process service fee in advance~~ the defendant; provided, the court
18 shall have authority to waive the costs and fees if the court finds
19 that the party does not have the ability to pay the costs and fees.

20 2. If the court makes specific findings that a petition for a
21 protective order has been filed frivolously and no victim exists,
22 the court may assess court costs against the plaintiff.

1 D. The person seeking relief shall prepare the petition ~~as set~~
2 ~~forth above~~ or, at the request of the plaintiff, the court clerk or
3 the victim-witness coordinator, victim support person, and court
4 case manager shall prepare or assist the plaintiff in preparing the
5 ~~same~~ petition.

6 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2001, Section 60.3, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 60.3 A. If a plaintiff requests an emergency ex parte
9 order pursuant to Section 60.2 of this title, the court shall hold
10 an ex parte hearing on the same day the petition is filed, if the
11 court finds sufficient grounds within the scope of the Protection
12 from Domestic Abuse Act stated in the petition to hold such a
13 hearing. The court may, for good cause shown at the hearing, issue
14 any emergency ex parte order that it finds necessary to protect the
15 victim from immediate and present danger of domestic abuse,
16 stalking, or harassment. The emergency ex parte order shall be in
17 effect until after the full hearing is conducted. Provided, if the
18 defendant, after having been served, does not appear at the hearing,
19 the emergency ex parte order shall remain in effect until the
20 defendant is served with the permanent order. If the terms of the
21 permanent order are the same as those in the emergency order, or are
22 less restrictive, then it is not necessary to serve the defendant
23 with the permanent order. ~~Any emergency ex parte order entered~~

1 ~~shall state: "IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING, A PERMANENT~~
2 ~~ORDER MAY BE ISSUED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU."~~ An emergency ex
3 parte order authorized by this section may include the following:
4 1. ~~An order to the defendant not to abuse or injure the victim;~~
5 2. ~~An order to the defendant not to telephone, visit, assault,~~
6 ~~molest, stalk, harass or otherwise interfere with the victim;~~
7 3. ~~An order suspending child visitation due to physical~~
8 ~~violence or threat of abuse by the defendant or a threat to violate~~
9 ~~a custody order by the defendant or an order requiring supervised~~
10 ~~visitation with the child in a neutral setting;~~
11 4. ~~An order to the defendant not to threaten the victim;~~
12 5. ~~An order to the defendant not to stalk the victim;~~
13 6. ~~An order to the defendant not to harass the victim;~~
14 7. ~~An order to the defendant to leave the residence located at~~
15 ~~_____ on or before _____;~~
16 8. ~~An order removing the defendant who is a minor child from~~
17 ~~the residence by immediately placing the child in any type of care~~
18 ~~authorized for children taken into custody pursuant to subsection A~~
19 ~~of Section 7303-1.1 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or~~
20 9. ~~An order granting other relief as requested by the victim~~
21 The Administrative Office of the Courts shall develop a standard
22 form for emergency ex parte protective orders.

1 B. An emergency ex parte protective order authorized by this
2 section shall include the name, sex, race, date of birth of the
3 defendant, and the dates of issue and expiration of the protective
4 order.

5 C. If a plaintiff requests an emergency temporary ex parte
6 order of protection as provided by Section 40.3 of this title, the
7 judge who is notified of the request by a peace officer may issue
8 such order verbally to the officer or in writing when there is
9 reasonable cause to believe that the order is necessary to protect
10 the victim from immediate and present danger of domestic abuse.
11 When the order is issued verbally the judge shall direct the officer
12 to complete and sign a statement attesting to the order. The
13 emergency temporary ex parte order shall be in effect until the
14 close of business on the next day the court is open for business
15 after the order is issued.

16 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2001, Section 60.4, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 60.4 A. 1. A copy of the petition, notice of hearing
19 and a copy of any emergency ex parte order issued by the court shall
20 be served upon the defendant in the same manner as a ~~summons~~ bench
21 warrant. In addition, if the service is to be in another county,
22 the court clerk may issue service to the sheriff by facsimile or
23 other electronic transmission for service by the sheriff. The Any

1 fee for service of an emergency ex parte order, petition for
2 protective order, and notice of hearing shall only be charged
3 pursuant to subsection C of Section 60.2 of this title and, if
4 charged, shall be the same as the sheriff's service fee plus mileage
5 expenses.

6 2. Emergency ex parte orders shall be given priority for
7 service and can be served twenty-four (24) hours a day when the
8 location of the defendant is known. When service cannot be made
9 upon the defendant by the sheriff ~~within three (3) days following~~
10 ~~the filing of a petition for a protective order or the issuance of~~
11 ~~an emergency ex parte order,~~ the sheriff may contact another law
12 enforcement officer or a private investigator or private process
13 server to serve the defendant.

14 3. An emergency ex parte order, a petition for protective
15 order, and a notice of hearing shall have statewide validity and may
16 be transferred to any law enforcement jurisdiction to effect service
17 upon the defendant.

18 4. The return of service shall be submitted to the sheriff's
19 office in the court where the petition, notice of hearing or order
20 was issued.

21 5. When the defendant is a minor child who is ordered removed
22 from the residence of the victim, in addition to those documents
23 served upon the defendant, a copy of the petition, notice of hearing

1 and a copy of any ex parte order issued by the court shall be
2 delivered with the child to the caretaker of the place where such
3 child is taken pursuant to Section 7303-1.1 of Title 10 of the
4 Oklahoma Statutes.

5 B. 1. Within ~~fifteen (15)~~ twenty (20) days of the filing of
6 the petition for a protective order, the court shall schedule a full
7 hearing on the petition, if the court finds sufficient grounds
8 within the scope of the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act stated in
9 the petition to hold such a hearing, regardless of whether an
10 emergency ex parte order has been previously issued, requested or
11 denied. Provided, however, when the defendant is a minor child who
12 has been removed from the residence pursuant to Section 7303-1.1 of
13 Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the court shall schedule a full
14 hearing on the petition within seventy-two (72) hours, regardless of
15 whether an emergency ex parte order has been previously issued,
16 requested or denied.

17 2. The court may schedule a full hearing on the petition for a
18 protective order within seventy-two (72) hours when the court issues
19 an emergency ex parte order suspending child visitation rights due
20 to physical violence or threat of abuse.

21 3. If service has not been made on the defendant at the time of
22 the hearing, the court shall continue the hearing.

1 4. A petition for a protective order shall automatically renew
2 every ~~fifteen (15)~~ twenty (20) days until the defendant is served.
3 A petition for a protective order shall not expire and must be
4 dismissed by court order.

5 5. Failure to serve the defendant shall not be grounds for
6 dismissal of a petition or an ex parte order unless the victim
7 requests dismissal.

8 C. 1. At the hearing, the court may impose any terms and
9 conditions in the protective order that the court reasonably
10 believes are necessary to bring about the cessation of domestic
11 abuse against the victim or stalking or harassment of the victim or
12 the victim's immediate family ~~including, but not limited to,~~ and may
13 order the defendant to obtain domestic abuse counseling or treatment
14 in a program certified by the Department of Mental Health and
15 Substance Abuse Services at the defendant's expense pursuant to
16 Section 644 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

17 2. If the court grants a protective order and the defendant is
18 a minor child, the court shall order a preliminary inquiry in a
19 juvenile proceeding to determine whether further court action
20 pursuant to the Oklahoma Juvenile Code should be taken against a
21 juvenile defendant.

1 D. Final protective orders authorized by this section ~~may~~
2 ~~include the following, in addition to any other order specified by~~
3 ~~the court:~~

4 ~~1. An order to the defendant not to abuse or injure the victim;~~

5 ~~2. An order to the defendant not to telephone, visit, assault,~~
6 ~~molest, stalk, harass or otherwise interfere with the victim;~~

7 ~~3. An order suspending child visitation rights due to physical~~
8 ~~violence or threat of abuse by the defendant, or a threat to violate~~
9 ~~a custody order, or an order requiring supervised visitation with~~
10 ~~the child in a neutral setting;~~

11 ~~4. An order to the defendant not to threaten the victim;~~

12 ~~5. An order to the defendant to cease stalking the victim;~~

13 ~~6. An order to the defendant to cease harassment of the victim;~~

14 ~~7. An order to the defendant to leave the residence located at~~

15 ~~_____ on or before _____;~~

16 ~~8. An order awarding attorney fees;~~

17 ~~9. An order requiring payment of court costs and service of~~
18 ~~process fees;~~

19 ~~10. An order requiring a preliminary inquiry in a juvenile~~
20 ~~proceeding pursuant to the Oklahoma Juvenile Code; and~~

21 ~~11. An order granting other relief as requested by the victim.~~

22 E. A final protective order authorized by this section shall
23 ~~include the name, sex, race, and date of birth of the defendant and~~

1 ~~the dates of issue and expiration of the protective order shall be~~
2 on a standard form developed by the Administrative Office of the
3 Courts.

4 ~~F.~~ E. 1. After notice and hearing, protective orders
5 authorized by this section may require the plaintiff or the
6 defendant or both to undergo treatment or participate in the court-
7 approved counseling services necessary to bring about cessation of
8 domestic abuse against the victim pursuant to Section 644 of Title
9 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

10 2. Either party or both may be required to pay all or any part
11 of the cost of such treatment or counseling services. The court
12 shall not be responsible for such cost.

13 ~~G.~~ F. When necessary to protect the victim and when authorized
14 by the court, protective orders granted pursuant to the provisions
15 of this section may be served upon the defendant by a peace officer,
16 sheriff, constable, or policeman or other officer whose duty it is
17 to preserve the peace, as defined by Section 99 of Title 21 of the
18 Oklahoma Statutes.

19 ~~H.~~ G. 1. Any protective order issued on or after November 1,
20 1999, pursuant to subsection C of this section shall be for a fixed
21 period not to exceed a period of three (3) years unless extended,
22 modified, vacated or rescinded upon motion by either party or if the

1 court approves any consent agreement entered into by the plaintiff
2 and defendant.

3 2. The court shall notify the parties at the time of the
4 issuance of the protective order of the duration of the protective
5 order.

6 3. Upon the filing of a motion by either party to modify,
7 extend, or vacate a protective order, a hearing shall be scheduled
8 and notice given to the parties. At the hearing, the issuing court
9 may take such action as is necessary under the circumstances.

10 4. If a child has been removed from the residence of a parent
11 or custodial adult because of domestic abuse committed by the child,
12 the parent or custodial adult may refuse the return of such child to
13 the residence, unless upon further consideration by the court in a
14 juvenile proceeding, it is determined that the child is no longer a
15 threat and should be allowed to return to the residence.

16 ~~F. H.~~ 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly and
17 willfully seek a protective order against a spouse or ex-spouse
18 pursuant to ~~Section 60 et seq. of this title~~ the Protection from
19 Domestic Abuse Act for purposes of harassment, undue advantage,
20 intimidation, or limitation of child visitation rights in any
21 divorce proceeding or separation action without justifiable cause.

22 2. The violator shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a
23 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a

1 period not exceeding one (1) year or by a fine not to exceed Five
2 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

3 3. A second or subsequent conviction under this subsection
4 shall be a felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the
5 Department of Corrections for a period not to exceed two (2) years,
6 or by a fine not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or by
7 both such fine and imprisonment.

8 ~~¶~~ I. 1. A protective order issued under the Protection from
9 Domestic Abuse Act, ~~Section 60 et seq. of this title,~~ shall not in
10 any manner affect title to real property, purport to grant to the
11 parties a divorce or otherwise purport to determine the issues
12 between the parties as to child custody, visitation or visitation
13 schedules, child support or division of property or any other like
14 relief obtainable ~~under Sections 101 et seq. of~~ pursuant to Title 43
15 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except child visitation orders may be
16 temporarily suspended or modified to protect from threats of abuse
17 or physical violence by the defendant or a threat to violate a
18 custody order.

19 2. When granting any protective order for the protection of a
20 minor child from violence or threats of abuse, the court shall allow
21 visitation only under conditions that provide adequate supervision
22 and protection to the child while maintaining the integrity of a
23 divorce decree or temporary order.

1 J. 1. A court shall not issue any mutual protective orders.

2 2. If both parties allege domestic abuse by the other party,
3 the parties shall do so by separate petitions. The court shall
4 review each petition separately, in an individual or a consolidated
5 hearing and grant or deny each petition on its individual merits.
6 If the court finds cause to grant both motions, the court shall do
7 so by separate orders and with specific findings justifying the
8 issuance of each order.

9 3. The court may only consolidate a hearing if:

10 a. the court makes specific findings that:

11 (1) sufficient evidence exists of domestic abuse,
12 stalking, harassment or rape against each party,

13 and

14 (2) each party acted primarily as aggressors, and

15 b. the defendant filed a petition with the court for a
16 protective order no less than three (3) days, not
17 including weekends or holidays, prior to the first
18 scheduled full hearing on the petition filed by the
19 plaintiff, and

20 c. the defendant had no less than forty-eight (48) hours'
21 notice prior to the full hearing on the petition filed
22 by the plaintiff.

1 K. The court may allow a plaintiff or victim to be accompanied
2 by a victim support person at court proceedings. A victim support
3 person shall not make legal arguments, however, a victim support
4 person who is not a licensed attorney may offer the plaintiff or
5 victim comfort or support and may remain in close proximity to the
6 plaintiff or victim.

7 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2001, Section 60.8, as
8 amended by Section 2, Chapter 443, O.S.L. 2002 (22 O.S. Supp. 2002,
9 Section 60.8), is amended to read as follows:

10 Section 60.8 A. Each peace officer of this state shall seize
11 any weapon or instrument when such officer has probable cause to
12 believe such weapon or instrument is in the possession of a person
13 who has been served with an ex parte or final protective order or
14 foreign protective order or has been used to commit an act of
15 domestic abuse as defined by Section 60.1 of this title, provided an
16 arrest is made, if possible, at the same time.

17 B. After any such seizure, the District Attorney shall file a
18 notice of seizure and forfeiture as provided in this section within
19 ten (10) days of such seizure, or any weapon or instrument seized
20 pursuant to this section shall be returned to the owner.

21 C. The seizure and forfeiture provisions of Section 991a-19 of
22 this title shall be followed for any seizure and forfeiture of
23 property pursuant to this section. No weapon or instrument seized

1 pursuant to this section or monies from the sale of any such seized
2 weapon or instrument shall be turned over to the person from whom
3 such property was seized if a forfeiture action has been filed
4 within the time required by subsection B of this section, unless
5 authorized by this section. Provided further, the owner may prove
6 at the forfeiture hearing that the conduct giving rise to the
7 seizure was justified, and if the owner proves justification, the
8 seized property shall be returned to the owner. Any proceeds gained
9 from this seizure shall be placed in the Crime Victims Compensation
10 Revolving Fund.

11 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1603 of Title 22, unless there
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. If funds are available, the Criminal Justice Resource Center
15 annually shall collect data on the number of victim protective
16 orders issued in each county and the number of violations of victim
17 protective orders in each county.

18 B. The Center shall provide this information to the Domestic
19 Violence Fatality Review Board and the Administrative Office of the
20 Courts.

21 SECTION 7. REPEALER 22 O.S. 2001, Section 60.11 and
22 Section 2, Chapter 113, O.S.L. 2002 (22 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section
23 60.13), are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 8. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.
2 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 3-25-03 - DO
3 PASS, As Amended.