

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 24, 2026

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1926

By: Murdock of the Senate

and

Newton of the House

8 An Act relating to the Protection from Domestic Abuse
9 Act; amending 22 O.S. 2021, Section 60.2, as last
10 amended by Section 1, Chapter 305, O.S.L. 2023 (22
11 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 60.2), which relates to
12 protective orders; authorizing filing of certain
13 petition in any county; **requiring certain notice;**
14 **authorizing contract for service of process under**
15 **certain circumstances; requiring payment of certain**
16 **costs by requesting party;** and providing an effective
17 date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2021, Section 60.2, as
20 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 305, O.S.L. 2023 (22 O.S. Supp.
21 2025, Section 60.2), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 60.2. A. A victim of domestic abuse, a victim of
23 stalking, a victim of harassment, a victim of rape, any adult or
24 emancipated minor household member on behalf of any other family or
household member who is a minor or incompetent, any minor age
sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years, or any adult victim of a crime

1 may seek relief under the provisions of the Protection from Domestic
2 Abuse Act.

3 1. The person seeking relief may file a petition for a
4 protective order with the district court in ~~the county in which the~~
5 ~~victim resides, the county in which the defendant resides, or the~~
6 ~~county in which the domestic violence occurred~~ any county in this
7 state. If the person seeking relief is not a family or household
8 member or an individual who is or has been in a dating relationship
9 with the defendant, the person seeking relief must file a complaint
10 against the defendant with the proper law enforcement agency before
11 filing a petition for a protective order with the district court.
12 The person seeking relief shall provide a copy of the complaint that
13 was filed with the law enforcement agency at the full hearing if the
14 complaint is not available from the law enforcement agency. Failure
15 to provide a copy of the complaint filed with the law enforcement
16 agency shall constitute a frivolous filing and the court may assess
17 attorney fees and court costs against the plaintiff pursuant to
18 paragraph 2 of subsection C of this section. The filing of a
19 petition for a protective order shall not require jurisdiction or
20 venue of the criminal offense if either the plaintiff or defendant
21 resides in the county. If a petition has been filed in an action
22 for divorce or separate maintenance and either party to the action
23 files a petition for a protective order in the same county where the
24 action for divorce or separate maintenance is filed, the petition

1 for the protective order may be heard by the court hearing the
2 divorce or separate maintenance action if:

3 a. there is no established protective order docket in
4 such court, or

5 b. the court finds that, in the interest of judicial
6 economy, both actions may be heard together; provided,
7 however, the petition for a protective order,
8 including, but not limited to, a petition in which
9 children are named as petitioners, shall remain a
10 separate action and a separate order shall be entered
11 in the protective order action. Protective orders may
12 be dismissed in favor of restraining orders in the
13 divorce or separate maintenance action if the court
14 specifically finds, upon hearing, that such dismissal
15 is in the best interests of the parties and does not
16 compromise the safety of any petitioner.

17 If the defendant is a minor child, the petition shall be filed
18 with the court having jurisdiction over juvenile matters.

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

22 B. The petition forms shall be provided by the clerk of the
23 court. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall develop a
24 standard form for the petition.

1 C. 1. Except as otherwise provided by this section, no filing
2 fee, service of process fee, attorney fees, or any other fee or
3 costs shall be charged the plaintiff or victim at any time for
4 filing a petition for a protective order whether a protective order
5 is granted or not granted. The court may assess court costs,
6 service of process fees, attorney fees, other fees, and filing fees
7 against the defendant at the hearing on the petition, if a
8 protective order is granted against the defendant; provided, the
9 court shall have authority to waive the costs and fees if the court
10 finds that the party does not have the ability to pay the costs and
11 fees.

12 2. If the court makes specific findings that a petition for a
13 protective order has been filed frivolously and no victim exists,
14 the court may assess attorney fees and court costs against the
15 plaintiff.

16 D. The person seeking relief shall prepare the petition or, at
17 the request of the plaintiff, the court clerk or the victim-witness
18 coordinator, victim support person, and court case manager shall
19 prepare or assist the plaintiff in preparing the petition.

20 E. The person seeking a protective order may further request
21 the exclusive care, possession, or control of any animal owned,
22 possessed, leased, kept, or held by either the petitioner,
23 defendant, or minor child residing in the residence of the
24 petitioner or defendant. The court may order the defendant to make

1 no contact with the animal and forbid the defendant from taking,
2 transferring, encumbering, concealing, molesting, attacking,
3 striking, threatening, harming, or otherwise disposing of the
4 animal.

5 F. A court may not require the victim to seek legal sanctions
6 against the defendant including, but not limited to, divorce,
7 separation, paternity, or criminal proceedings prior to hearing a
8 petition for protective order.

9 G. A victim of rape, forcible sodomy, a sex offense,
10 kidnapping, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, child abuse,
11 or member of the immediate family of a victim of first-degree
12 murder, as such terms are defined in Section 40 of this title, may
13 petition, or have a petition filed on the victim's behalf if the
14 victim is a minor, for an emergency temporary order or emergency ex
15 parte order regardless of any relationship or scenario pursuant to
16 the provisions of this section. The Administrative Office of the
17 Courts shall modify the petition forms as necessary to effectuate
18 the provisions of this subsection.

19 **H. Notice shall be given by a sheriff or deputy sheriff. A**
20 **plaintiff may elect to contract a person licensed to make service of**
21 **process if relief is sought outside of the county in which a**
22 **plaintiff or defendant resides or the county in which the alleged**
23 **event occurred pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of this**
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1 section. Any costs associated with relief sought under this
2 subsection shall be paid by the requesting party.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
5 February 24, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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