

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 177—ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to domestic violence. (BDR 3-210)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to domestic violence; authorizing a court to grant an extension of time for certain orders; providing for service by publication under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to grant extended orders for protection under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes a court to issue a temporary or extended order for protection against domestic violence. Further, a court is authorized to grant an extended order after notice to the adverse party and a hearing on the application for the extended order. The hearing must be held within 45 days after the date on which the application for the extended order is filed. (NRS 33.020) **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the court, if the adverse party fails to appear at a hearing on the application for the extended order, to: (1) grant an extension of time and set a date for a new hearing; (2) order service by publication in the same manner as the Nevada Civil Rules of Procedure; and (3) grant the extended order on the date of the new hearing.

Existing law requires the court to order the appropriate law enforcement agency to serve the adverse party personally with a temporary order. An application for an extended order and the notice of hearing must be served upon the adverse party pursuant to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure or at the party's current place of employment. (NRS 33.060, 33.065) **Section 2** of this bill authorizes service of the application for an extended order and the notice of hearing by publication if so ordered by the court.

Existing law provides that, if an application for an extended order is filed within the period of a temporary order or at the same time that an application for a temporary order is filed, the temporary order remains in effect until the hearing on the extended order is held. (NRS 33.080) If the court sets a new date for a hearing on an application for an extended order, **section 3** of this bill requires the temporary order to remain in effect until the date on which the new hearing is held.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 33.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33.020 1. If it appears to the satisfaction of the court from specific facts shown by a verified application that an act of domestic violence has occurred or there exists a threat of domestic violence, the court may grant a temporary or extended order. A temporary or extended order must not be granted to the applicant or the adverse party unless the applicant or the adverse party has requested the order and has filed a verified application that an act of domestic violence has occurred or there exists a threat of domestic violence.

2. The court may require the applicant or the adverse party, or both, to appear before the court before determining whether to grant the temporary or extended order.

3. A temporary order may be granted with or without notice to the adverse party. ~~1A-1~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, an* extended order may only be granted after notice to the adverse party and a hearing on the application.

4. A hearing on an application for an extended order must be held within 45 days after the date on which the application for the extended order is filed.

~~14-1~~ *If the adverse party fails to appear at the hearing, the court may:*

(a) Grant a reasonable extension of time and set a date for a new hearing; and

(b) Order service by publication pursuant to NRS 33.060.

5. *If the adverse party fails to appear on the date set for a new hearing on an application for an extended order pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 4, the court may grant the extended order.*

6. The court shall rule upon an application for a temporary order within 1 judicial day after it is filed.

~~15-1~~ 7. If it appears to the satisfaction of the court from specific facts communicated by telephone to the court by an alleged victim that an act of domestic violence has occurred and the alleged perpetrator of the domestic violence has been arrested and is presently in custody pursuant to NRS 171.137, the court may grant a temporary order. Before approving an order under such circumstances, the court shall confirm with the appropriate law enforcement agency that the applicant is an alleged victim and that the alleged perpetrator is in custody. Upon approval by the court, the signed order may be transmitted to the facility where the alleged perpetrator is in custody by electronic or telephonic transmission to a facsimile machine. If such an order is received by the facility



1 holding the alleged perpetrator while the alleged perpetrator is still
2 in custody, the order must be personally served by an authorized
3 employee of the facility before the alleged perpetrator is released.
4 The court shall mail a copy of each order issued pursuant to this
5 subsection to the alleged victim named in the order and cause the
6 original order to be filed with the court clerk on the first judicial day
7 after it is issued.

8 ~~16-1~~ 8. In a county whose population is 52,000 or more, the
9 court shall be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including
10 nonjudicial days and holidays, to receive communications by
11 telephone and for the issuance of a temporary order pursuant to
12 subsection ~~15-1~~ 7.

13 ~~17-1~~ 9. In a county whose population is less than 52,000, the
14 court may be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including
15 nonjudicial days and holidays, to receive communications by
16 telephone and for the issuance of a temporary order pursuant to
17 subsection ~~15-1~~ 7.

18 ~~18-1~~ 10. The clerk of the court shall inform the protected party
19 upon the successful transfer of information concerning the
20 registration to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of
21 Criminal History as required pursuant to NRS 33.095.

22 **Sec. 2.** NRS 33.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 33.060 1. The court shall transmit, by the end of the next
24 business day after the order is issued, a copy of the temporary or
25 extended order to the appropriate law enforcement agency which
26 has jurisdiction over the residence, school, child care facility or
27 other provider of child care, or place of employment of the applicant
28 or the minor child.

29 2. The court shall order the appropriate law enforcement
30 agency to serve, without charge, the adverse party personally with
31 the temporary order and to file with or mail to the clerk of the court
32 proof of service by the end of the next business day after service is
33 made. Service of an application for an extended order and the notice
34 of hearing thereon must be served upon the adverse party:

35 (a) Pursuant to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure; ~~10-1~~

36 (b) In the manner provided in NRS 33.065 ~~11-1~~ ; or

37 (c) *If ordered by the court pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS*
38 *33.020, by publication in the manner provided by N.R.C.P. 4(e).*

39 3. A law enforcement agency shall enforce a temporary or
40 extended order without regard to the county in which the order was
41 issued.

42 4. The clerk of the court shall issue, without fee, a copy of the
43 temporary or extended order to the applicant and the adverse party.



Sec. 3. NRS 33.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33.080 1. A temporary order expires within such time, not to exceed 30 days, as the court fixes. If an application for an extended order is filed within the period of a temporary order or at the same time that an application for a temporary order is filed, the temporary order remains in effect until ~~the~~ :

(a) The hearing on the extended order is held ~~H~~ ; or

(b) *If the court grants an extension of time pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 33.020, the date on which the new hearing on an application for an extended order is held.*

2. On 2 days' notice to the party who obtained the temporary order, the adverse party may appear and move its dissolution or modification, and in that event the court shall proceed to hear and determine such motion as expeditiously as the ends of justice require.

3. An extended order expires within such time, not to exceed 1 year, as the court fixes. A temporary order may be converted by the court, upon notice to the adverse party and a hearing, into an extended order effective for not more than 1 year.

Sec. 4. NRS 1.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.130 1. No court except a justice court or a municipal court shall be opened nor shall any judicial business be transacted except by a justice court or municipal court on Sunday, or on any day declared to be a legal holiday according to the provisions of NRS 236.015, except for the following purposes:

(a) To give, upon their request, instructions to a jury then deliberating on their verdict.

(b) To receive a verdict or discharge a jury.

(c) For the exercise of the power of a magistrate in a criminal action or in a proceeding of a criminal nature.

(d) To receive communications by telephone and for the issuance of a temporary order pursuant to subsection ~~5~~ 7 of NRS 33.020.

(e) For the issue of a writ of attachment, which may be issued on each and all of the days above enumerated upon the plaintiff, or some person on behalf of the plaintiff, setting forth in the affidavit required by law for obtaining the writ the additional averment as follows:

That the affiant has good reason to believe, and does believe, that it will be too late for the purpose of acquiring a lien by the writ to wait until subsequent day for the issuance of the same.



1 All proceedings instituted, and all writs issued, and all official acts
2 done on any of the days above specified, under and by virtue of this
3 section, shall have all the validity, force and effect of proceedings
4 commenced on other days, whether a lien be obtained or a levy
5 made under and by virtue of the writ.

6 2. Nothing herein contained shall affect private transactions of
7 any nature whatsoever.

8 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

