

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1074**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3307**

**By Burks, Marrero, Ford**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2906**

**By Sherry Jones, Hardaway**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to orders of protection, court costs and litigation taxes therefore.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-617, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no petitioner shall be required to bear the costs, including any court costs, filing fees, litigation taxes or any other costs, associated with the filing, issuance, registration, service, appeal or enforcement of an ex parte order of protection, order of protection, or a petition for either such order, whether issued inside or outside the state. If the court, after the hearing, issues or extends an order of protection, all court costs, filing fees, litigation taxes and attorney fees shall be assessed against the respondent.

(b)(1) The clerk of the court may provide order of protection petition forms to agencies that provide domestic violence assistance.

(2) Any agency that meets with a victim in person and recommends that an order of protection be sought shall assist the victim in the completion of the form petition for filing with the clerk.

(3) No agency shall be required to provide this assistance unless it has been provided with the appropriate forms by the clerk.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring.

**PASSED: May 14, 2008**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of May 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR