

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 68

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA AND BERTHELOT

FAMILY LAW: Authorizes the use of electronic signatures on temporary restraining orders and protective orders

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2603(B)(4)(a), relative to electronic signatures; to provide for  
3 the use of electronic signatures on petitions for certain protective orders and  
4 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

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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 petitions for protective orders, preliminary injunctions,  
13 permanent injunctions, and temporary restraining orders.

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DIGEST

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HB 68 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the use of electronic signatures on petitions for certain protective orders and restraining orders.

Present law prohibits electronic signatures for laws governing adoption, divorce, or other matters of family law.

Proposed law retains present law but allows electronic signatures for petitions for temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, permanent injunctions, and protective orders.

(Amends R.S. 9:2603(B)(4)(a))