

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires court clerks to send protective orders to law enforcement, child care facilities and schools through certified mail. The results of this process is that it may take several days after the protective order is issued for it to reach the proper authorities. S.B. 685 would establish the delivery via the regular mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail of protective orders to certain affected persons.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 685 establishes the delivery via the regular mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail of protective orders to certain affected persons.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 85.042, Family Code, by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e), to require an applicant or an applicant's attorney to provide to the court of the clerk certain information including, a facsimile number, electronic mail address, if any, or mailing address of certain locations. Authorizes a copy of an order to be sent by facsimile transmission, or electronic mail. Provides that a copy sent by electronic mail complies with the requirements of Subsection (a) or (b) if the copy is a substantial copy and the electronic mail describes the transmission as such.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.