

Protective Order Registry

TGC §§ 72.151 -72.158

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Senate Bill 325
House Bill 629

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Implementation Schedule

- **September 1, 2020: Registry becomes operational**
 - Access granted and training for select pilot clerks/courts with onboarding of other clerks/courts on an ad hoc basis.
 - Webinar training created and available for all court personnel.
- **October 15, 2020: Mandatory entry within 24 hours for all filed applications and issued protective orders.**
- **Fall/Winter 2020/2021:**
 - Public access feature (with written consent of protected party) enabled for final protective orders only.
 - Grant access and provide instructions on system use to Restricted Users (law enforcement/prosecutors).



Implementation Schedule

- **Spring/Summer 2021:**

- Create training for law enforcement/prosecutors.
- Conduct training and disseminate awareness information to advocacy groups.
- Update Supreme Court Protective Order Kit.
- Outreach to counties and courts not yet utilizing the registry.

- **Continuous support since inception of project:**

- Provide system access, technical assistance, and training for all interested users.
- Adaptation of system for evolving needs.



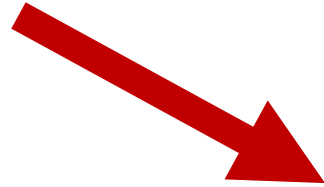
Protective Order Registry

<https://www.txcourts.gov/judicial-data/protective-order-registry/>



Court Access: **Courtal**

<https://courtal.txcourts.gov/>



Public Access: **Texas Online Public Information - Courts (TOPICs)**

<https://topics.txcourts.gov/>

Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Access:
Protective Order Registry of Texas (PROTECT)

<https://protect.txcourts.gov/>



Protective Order Registry: By the Numbers

(as of April 7, 2021)

- Total Entries: 24,064 (including applications)
 - Magistrates' Orders of Emergency Protection: 18,005
 - Temporary Ex Parte Protective Orders: 3,534
 - Protective Orders (final/permanent): 2,428
- Number of publicly accessible protective order records: 18
- Training:
 - Events: 36
 - Attendees: 2925
- Number of Counties that have entered orders:
 - MOEPs: 159
 - TexPO/PO: 162



CITATION BY PUBLICATION DATABASE

- Background
 - System mandated by SB 891 (2019), which also amended several statutes related to service of citation by publication
 - System launched July 1, 2020
- CBP Database
 - Public-facing portion of system accessed through TOPICs (<https://topics.txcourts.gov/>)
 - Allows for basic searches of published citations and notices
 - Clerks and court staff enter through COURTAL (<https://courtal.txcourts.gov/>)
 - Citations and notices are uploaded by district clerks, county clerks, and court staff
 - OCA does not review or edit these submissions



CBP SYSTEM “UNDER THE HOOD”

- Users:
 - With publication rights: 2335
 - Who have published or edited a publication: 690
- Entries
 - Total (4/6/21): 10,430
 - Includes 3 citations ordered by federal courts
 - Daily: 57
- Usage
 - Counties without an entry in the system: 77
 - Most frequent citation type: “Other – Citation by Publication or Notice”
 - Average post time: 15 days



CBP SYSTEM “UNDER THE HOOD”

TOP 10 COUNTIES BY ENTRIES

- Harris
- Tarrant
- Dallas
- Bexar
- El Paso
- Travis
- Collin
- Lubbock
- Denton
- Hidalgo

TOP 10 COURTS BY ENTRIES

- Harris County Probate Court No. 1
- Tarrant County Probate Court No. 2
- Harris County Probate Court No. 2
- Dallas County Probate Court No. 2
- Travis County Probate Court No. 1
- Bexar County Probate Court No. 2
- Dallas County Probate Court
- Tarrant County Probate Court No. 1
- Harris County Probate Court No. 3
- Bexar County Probate Court No. 1



CBP System Entries by Month

