

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 263

HOUSE BILL NO. 268

By Representative Watson

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 192

By Senators Bunch, Burks

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

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

SECTION 1. 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-617, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no victim 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, dismissal or nonsuit, 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.

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

PASSED: May 4, 2009


KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR