

CHAPTER NO. 646

SENATE BILL NO. 2318

By Trail, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2526

By McMillan

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to venue and jurisdiction in cases involving orders of protection.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-601, is amended by deleting from subdivision (2)(C) the words "of the county in which the petitioner resides".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-601, is further amended by deleting from the first sentence of subdivision (2)(E) the punctuation and words ", of the county in which the petitioner resides".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-602, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) Venue for a petition for an order of protection and all other matters relating to orders of protection shall be in the county where the respondent resides or the county in which the domestic abuse occurred.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 17, 2002**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2002**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR