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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to service of a notice of an application for a protective order.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 82.043(c), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  Notice of an application for a protective order must be served on the person [~~in the same manner as citation under the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, except that service by publication is not authorized~~].

SECTION 2.  Section 82.043, Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a notice of an application for a protective order served on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a protective order served before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.