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H.B. No. 3139

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to service of a notice of an application for a protective  
3 order.

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

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

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

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

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