

1-1 By: Hinojosa, Nelson S.B. No. 712
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 March 14, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; March 14, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Nelson	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the duration of certain protective orders against
1-20 family violence.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 85.025(a-1), Family Code, is amended to
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (a-1) The court may render a protective order sufficient to
1-25 protect the applicant and members of the applicant's family or
1-26 household that is effective for a period that exceeds two years if
1-27 the court finds that the person who is the subject of the protective
1-28 order:

1-29 (1) committed an act constituting a felony offense
1-30 involving family violence against the applicant or a member of the
1-31 applicant's family or household, regardless of whether the person
1-32 has been charged with or convicted of the offense;

1-33 (2) caused serious bodily injury to the applicant or a
1-34 member of the applicant's family or household; or

1-35 (3) ~~(2)~~ was the subject of two or more previous
1-36 protective orders rendered:

1-37 (A) to protect the person on whose behalf the
1-38 current protective order is sought; and

1-39 (B) after a finding by the court that the subject
1-40 of the protective order:

1-41 (i) has committed family violence; and

1-42 (ii) is likely to commit family violence in
1-43 the future.

1-44 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-45 to an application for a protective order that is filed on or after
1-46 the effective date of this Act. An application for a protective
1-47 order filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
1-48 law in effect on the date the application is filed, and the former
1-49 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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