

SENATE BILL 2984
By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to service of orders of protection.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-609, is amended by deleting the third sentence and substituting instead the following:

If the respondent is a resident of Tennessee, the order of protection shall be served on the respondent in the same manner as is set out in Rule 5 of the Tennessee rules of civil procedure for other orders. If the respondent is not a resident of Tennessee, the order of protection shall be served upon the respondent by mail in the manner set forth in §§ 20-2-215 and 20-2-216.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-605, is amended by deleting the first sentence of subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

The court shall cause a copy of the petition and notice of the date set for the hearing on such petition, as well as a copy of any ex parte order of protection, to be served upon the respondent in accordance with Rule 5 of the Tennessee rules of civil procedure at least five (5) days prior to such hearing.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.