

State of Texas

RESOLUTION

of the

TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Delay of Establishment of Protective Order Registry

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 325 (Act of May 1, 2019, 86th Legislature, Regular Session) which requires the Office of Court Administration to create a protective order registry by June 1, 2020, that will provide law enforcement and the public access to protective orders and will provide law enforcement access to protective order applications; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic caused a delay in the completion of the protective order registry due to interruptions to regular workflow and delays in obtaining the records necessary for the development of the protective order registry; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Court Administration requested an extension to the protective order registry implementation date due to delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 325 authorizes the Texas Judicial Council to delay the establishment of the protective order registry for up to 90 days; and

WHEREAS, an electronic vote delaying the establishment of the protective order registry for 90 days was requested of the Texas Judicial Council on August 25 and unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Texas Judicial Council approve the Office of Court Administration's request to extend the date to establish the protective order registry for 90 days to September 1, 2020.

Honorable Nathan L. Hecht
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
Chairman, Texas Judicial Council