

## Committee on Judiciary

### **CS/HB 905 — Protective Injunctions**

by Judiciary Committee and Rep. Fetterhoff and others (CS/CS/SB 654 by Rules Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Senators Cruz, Gibson, and Jones)

The bill requires the clerk of court to electronically submit to the sheriff in the county where the respondent resides or may be found a copy of a protective injunction and any other required documents within 24 hours after the court issues an injunction for protection against:

- Domestic violence;
- Repeat violence;
- Sexual violence;
- Dating violence; and
- Stalking.

Under current law, a clerk of court may not provide electronic copies of the documents to a sheriff unless they are requested by the sheriff. By requiring a sheriff to accept electronic copies of domestic violence injunctions and similar injunctions, the bill will likely enable sheriffs to serve the injunctions on the respondents more quickly after the injunctions are issued by the court.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2022.

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 112-1*