

26 sufficiency of the petition itself without an injunction being
27 issued on or after July 1, 2017, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
28 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

29 2. A petition, and the contents thereof, for an injunction
30 for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence,
31 dating violence, sexual violence, stalking, or cyberstalking
32 that is dismissed without a hearing, dismissed at an ex parte
33 hearing due to failure to state a claim or lack of jurisdiction,
34 or dismissed for any reason having to do with the sufficiency of
35 the petition itself without an injunction being issued before
36 July 1, 2017, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I
37 of the State Constitution only upon request by an individual
38 named in the petition as a respondent. The request must be in
39 the form of a signed, legibly written request specifying the
40 case name, case number, document heading, and page number. The
41 request must be delivered by mail, facsimile, or electronic
42 transmission or in person to the clerk of the court. A fee may
43 not be charged for such request.

44 3. All information contained in a petition for an
45 injunction against domestic violence, repeat violence, dating
46 violence, sexual violence, stalking, or cyberstalking, and any
47 affidavits, notice of hearing, and temporary injunction, is
48 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I
49 of the State Constitution until the respondent has been
50 personally served with a copy of the petition for injunction,

51 affidavits, notice of hearing, and temporary injunction.

52 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
53 necessity that all information contained in a petition for an
54 injunction against domestic violence, repeat violence, dating
55 violence, sexual violence, stalking, or cyberstalking, and
56 affidavits, notice of hearing, and temporary injunction, be made
57 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and
58 s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Release of such
59 information before the respondent has been personally served
60 with a copy of the petition, affidavits, notice of hearing, and
61 temporary injunction could significantly threaten the physical
62 safety and security of persons seeking protection through
63 injunctive proceedings and their families, and of law
64 enforcement tasked with serving the petition for injunction,
65 affidavits, notice of hearing, and temporary injunction on the
66 respondent. The harm that may result from the release of the
67 information outweighs any public benefit that might result from
68 public disclosure of the information.

69 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.