

ORIGINAL SENATE  
FILE NO. SF0167

ENROLLED ACT NO. 81, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2023 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to domestic violence protection; authorizing parties to remotely attend hearings for orders of protection as specified; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 7-3-507 by creating a new subsection (f) and 35-21-103 by creating a new subsection (j) are amended to read:

**7-3-507. Petition for order of protection; contents; requisites; indigent petitioners; remote appearance at hearings.**

(f) For any hearing required or authorized for proceedings under W.S. 7-3-506 through 7-3-512, the petitioner or other party to the hearing may petition the court to appear at the hearing by remote means. The court may, in its discretion, grant the petition for remote appearance at the hearing, provided that the court is equipped with appropriate audio or video technology to allow the petitioner or other party to fully participate in the hearing.

**35-21-103. Petition for order of protection; contents; prerequisites; counsel to be provided petitioners; award of costs and fees; remote appearance at hearings.**

(j) For any hearing required or authorized for proceedings under this act, the petitioner or other party to the hearing may petition the court to appear at the hearing by remote means. The court may, in its discretion, grant the petition for remote appearance at the hearing,

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provided that the court is equipped with appropriate audio or video technology to allow the petitioner or other party to fully participate in the hearing.

**Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk