

Interjurisdictional Service in Mississippi
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Pandemic Rapid Response Team

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	Ex Parte Protective Order (Temporary/Emergency)	Final Protective Order
Statute	Mississippi Code § 93-21	
Terminology	Emergency or Temporary Domestic Abuse Protection Order	Final Domestic Abuse Protection Order
Length of Order	Emergency Order: Up to 10 days from filing the petition Temporary Order: Up to 30 days or up to 1 year (if no children involved)	Determined by the court
Available Relief	Order the respondent to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrain from abusing the petitioner, any minor children, or any person alleged to be incompetent • Refrain from going within a designated physical proximity to the abused or other household members, including residence and place of work • Refrain from contacting the abused or other household members, whether in person, by telephone or by other electronic communication • Refrain from interfering with petitioner’s efforts to remove children or personal effects from defendant’s residence 	In addition to relief provided by an emergency or temporary order: Order the respondent to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay temporary spousal/child support • Compensate the petitioner for financial losses due to the abuse • Attend counseling or professional medical treatment The court may also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award temporary custody and visitation rights

Available Relief	<p>The court may also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant the petitioner possession of the residence or household • Prohibit parties from transferring, encumbering or otherwise disposing mutually owned or leased property 	
Protected Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current or former spouse • Currently or formerly living as spouses • Have child in common • Related by consanguinity or affinity who currently or formerly lived together • Current or former dating relationship 	
Requirements for Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The court will enter the the order into the Mississippi Protection Order Registry within 24 hours, regardless of weekends or holidays. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The information will be automatically transferred from the Registry to the National Criminal Information Center Protection Order File. • The court will send the order to the local sheriff’s office to be personally served on the respondent. 	
Registration Required for Enforcement	Not required.	
Military Jurisdictions	<p>Military Bases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 172 AW • 186 ARW • Columbus AFB • Keesler AFB • Naval Air Station Meridian • Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport • Stennis Space Center <p>Processes on Military Jurisdictions: Contact the individual military jurisdiction for service process details.</p>	

Tribal Jurisdictions	<p>Federally Recognized Tribe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians <p>State Recognized Tribes: None</p> <p>Processes on Tribal Jurisdictions: Contact the individual tribal jurisdiction for service process details.</p>
<p>Other Information</p>	<p>None</p>

Out of State Service Fees¹:

None

For more information, please contact State Point of Contact Lisa Counts (lcounts@courts.ms.gov).

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https://ncsc2.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eQzzYCcGK38Q64C

¹ Courts should not charge a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault any costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of protection orders, whether issued by civil or criminal courts, including intra- and inter-jurisdictional orders. This no-cost provision also applies to any fees or costs associated with a criminal matter related to domestic violence, stalking, dating violence, and sexual assault (42 U.S.C. § 3796 hh(c)(4)). Charging any of these costs will render a jurisdiction ineligible for certain VAWA funds.