



# State Protection Order Statutes: Prohibiting Fees for Filing, Issuance, Registration, Modification, Enforcement, Dismissal, Withdrawal or Service of Process for a Protection Order or Petition for a Protection Order

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<b>ALABAMA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ala. Code. § 30-5-5 (g)</p> <p>(g) No court costs and fees shall be assessed for the filing and service of a petition for a protection order, for the issuance or registration of a protection order, or for the issuance of a witness subpoena under this chapter. Costs may be assessed against the defendant at the discretion of the court.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ala. Code §30-5B-5(f)</p> <p>(f) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.</p>
<b>ALASKA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alaska Stat. § 18.66.150 (d)</p> <p>(d) Filing fees may not be charged in any action seeking only the relief provided in this chapter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alaska Stat. §18. 66. 160 (c )</p> <p>(c) Fees for service of process may not be charged in a proceeding seeking only the relief provided in this chapter.</p>
<b>AMERICA SAMOA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Am. Samoa Code Ann. § 47.0206</p> <p>Fees for filing and service of process must not be charged for any proceeding seeking only the relief provided in this chapter.</p>
<b>ARIZONA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">A.R.S. § 13-3602 (D)</p> <p>D. A fee shall not be charged for filing a petition under this section or for service of process. On request of the plaintiff, each order of protection that is issued by a municipal court shall be served by the police agency for that city if the defendant can be served within the city. If the defendant cannot be served within the city, the police agency in the city in which the defendant can be served shall serve the order... Each court shall provide, without charge, forms for purposes of this section for assisting parties without counsel. The court shall make reasonable efforts to provide to both parties an appropriate information sheet on emergency and counseling services that are available in the local area.</p>
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">A.C.A. § 9-15-202</p> <p>(a)(1) The court, clerks of the court, and law enforcement agencies shall not require any initial filing fees or service costs.</p> <p>(a)(2) A claim or counterclaim for other relief, including without limitation divorce, annulment, separate maintenance, or paternity shall not be asserted in an action brought under this subchapter except to the extent permitted in this subchapter.</p> <p>(b)(1) Established filing fees may be assessed against the respondent at the full hearing.</p> <p>(b)(2) Filing fees under this section shall be collected by the county official, agency, or department designated under § 16-13-709 as primarily responsible for the collection of fines assessed in circuit court and shall be remitted on or before the tenth day of each month to the office of county treasurer for deposit to the county administration of justice fund.</p> <p>(b)(3) The county shall remit on or before the fifteenth day of each month all sums received in excess of the amounts necessary to fund the expenses enumerated in § 16-10-307(b) and (c) during the previous month from the uniform filing fees provided for in § 21-6-403, the uniform court costs provided for in § 16-10-305, and the fees provided for in this section to the Administration of Justice Funds Section of the Office of Administrative Services of the Department of Finance and Administration for deposit into the State Administration of Justice Fund.</p> <p>(c)(1) The abused in a domestic violence petition for relief for a protection order sought under this subchapter shall not bear the cost associated with its filing or the costs associated with the issuance or service of a warrant and witness subpoena.</p> <p>(c)(2) This subsection does not prohibit a judge from assessing costs against a petitioner if the allegations of abuse are determined after a hearing to be false.</p>

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<p><b>CALIFORNIA</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cal Fam Code § 6222</p> <p>There is no filing fee for an application, a responsive pleading, or an order to show cause that seeks to obtain, modify, or enforce a protective order or other order authorized by this division when the request for the other order is necessary to obtain or give effect to a protective order. There is no fee for a subpoena filed in connection with that application, responsive pleading, or order to show cause.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cal Fam Code § 6404 (b)</p> <p>(b) No fee may be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order. The court clerk shall provide all Judicial Council forms required by this part to a person in possession of a foreign protection order free of charge</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cal Gov Code §70676</p> <p>No fee shall be charged to an indigent petitioner for certified copies of any order issued pursuant to any of the following:</p> <p>(a) Article 2 (commencing with Section 2045), Article 3 (commencing with Section 2047), or Article 4 (commencing with Section 2049) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6 of the Family Code.</p> <p>(b) Division 10 (commencing with Section 6200) of the Family Code.</p> <p>(c) Article 2 (commencing with Section 7710), Article 3 (commencing with Section 7720), or Article 4 (commencing with Section 7730) of Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Family Code.</p>
<p><b>COLORADO</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C.R.S. § 13-14-109</p> <p>(1) The court may assess a filing fee against a petitioner seeking relief under this article; except that the court may not assess a filing fee against a petitioner if the court determines the petitioner is seeking the protection order as a victim of domestic abuse, domestic violence as defined in section 18-6-800.3 (1), C.R.S., stalking, or sexual assault or abuse. The court shall provide the necessary number of certified copies at no cost to petitioners.</p> <p>(2) A state or public agency may not assess fees for service of process against a petitioner seeking relief under this article as a victim of conduct consistent with the following: Domestic abuse, domestic violence as defined in section 18-6-800.3 (1), C.R.S., stalking, or sexual assault or abuse.</p> <p>(3) At the permanent protection order hearing, the court may require the respondent to pay the filing fee and service-of process fees, as established by the state agency, political subdivision, or public agency pursuant to a fee schedule, and to reimburse the petitioner for costs incurred in bringing the action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C.R.S. § 13-14-110 (3)</p> <p>(3) Process. A person entitled to protection under a foreign protection order may, but is not required to, file such order in the district or county court by filing with such court a certified copy of such order, which must be entered into the central registry of protection orders created in section 18-6-803.7, C.R.S. The certified order must be accompanied by an affidavit in which the protected person affirms to the best of his or her knowledge that the order has not been changed or modified since it was issued. There shall be no filing fee charged. It is the responsibility of the protected person to notify the court if the protection order is subsequently modified.</p>
<p><b>CONNECTICUT</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46b-15 (h)(1)</p> <p>(h)(1) The applicant shall cause notice of the hearing pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and a copy of the application and the</p>

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	applicant's affidavit and of any ex parte order issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to be served on the respondent not less than three days before the hearing. The cost of such service shall be paid for by the Judicial Branch.
<b>DELAWARE</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 Del.C. § 1049D (f)</p> <p>(f) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.</p>
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">D.C. Code § 16-1044 (f)</p> <p>(f) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order, nor may a fee be charged for service of a foreign order in the District of Columbia.</p>
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fla. Stat. § 741.30 (2)(a)</p> <p>(2)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the assessment of a filing fee for a petition for protection against domestic violence is prohibited effective October 1, 2002. However, subject to legislative appropriation, the clerk of the circuit court may, on a quarterly basis, submit to the Office of the State Courts Administrator a certified request for reimbursement for petitions for protection against domestic violence issued by the court, at the rate of \$ 40 per petition. The request for reimbursement shall be submitted in the form and manner prescribed by the Office of the State Courts Administrator. From this reimbursement, the clerk shall pay any law enforcement agency serving the injunction the fee requested by the law enforcement agency; however, this fee shall not exceed \$ 20.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fla. Stat. § 741.315 (3)(b)</p> <p>(3)(b) The sheriff shall examine the certified copy of the foreign order and register the order in the injunction registry, noting that it is a foreign order of protection. If not apparent from the face of the certified copy of the foreign order, the sheriff shall use best efforts to ascertain whether the order was served on the respondent. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement shall develop a special notation for foreign orders of protection. The sheriff shall assign a case number and give the protected person a receipt showing registration of the foreign order in this state. There shall be no fee for registration of a foreign order.</p>
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">O.C.G.A. § 15-6-77 ( e) (4)</p> <p>(e)(4) No fee or cost shall be assessed for any service rendered by the clerk of superior court through entry of judgment in family violence cases under Chapter 13 of Title 19 or in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of a protection order or a petition for a prosecution order to protect a victim of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault. A petitioner seeking a temporary protective order or a respondent involved in a temporary protective order hearing under the provisions of Code Section 19-13-3 or 19-13-4 shall be provided with a foreign language or sign language interpreter when necessary for the hearing on the petition. The reasonable cost of the interpreter shall be paid by the local victim assistance funds as provided by Article 8 of Chapter 21 of this title. The provisions of this paragraph shall control over any other conflicting provisions of law and shall specifically control over the provisions of Code Sections 15-6-77.1, 15-6-77.2, and 15-6-77.3.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">O.C.G.A. § 15-10-82</p> <p>For hearing an application for an arrest or search warrant or deposit account fraud citation, the fee charged shall not exceed \$20.00, but this fee may be waived by the issuing magistrate if he or she finds that because of the financial circumstances of the party applying for the warrant or citation or for other reasons this fee should not be charged in justice, provided that no fee shall be assessed against the alleged victim of a violation of Code Section 16-5-90, 16-5-91, 16-6-1, 16-6-2, 16-6-3, 16-6-4, 16-6-5.1, 16-6-22.1, or 16-6-22.2 or against the alleged victim of</p>

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	<p>any domestic violence offense for costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against the stalking offender, sexual offender, or domestic violence offender or for the issuance or service of a warrant, protective order, or witness subpoena arising from the incident of stalking, sexual assault, or domestic violence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">O.C.G.A. § 19-13-54(b)</p> <p>(b) Filing shall be without fee or cost.</p>
GUAM	<p style="text-align: center;">19 GCA § 14104</p> <p>Fees for filing and service of process must not be charged for any proceeding seeking injunctive relief for protection from family violence.</p>
HAWAII	<p style="text-align: center;">HRS § 607-2.5</p> <p>Persons subject to domestic abuse, abuse of family or household members, stalking, or sexual assault shall be exempt from paying the costs and fees prescribed in this chapter in connection with filing, issuance, registration, or service of a protection order, or a petition for a protection order, warrant, or witness subpoena issued for the purpose of preventing violent or threatening acts or harassment against, or contact or communication with or physical proximity to, another person. For purposes of this section, the term "protection order" means any temporary or final order of protection, a restraining order, or an injunction involving domestic abuse, abuse of family or household members, stalking, or sexual assault issued by a civil or criminal court, other than a support or custody order.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HRS § 586-23</p> <p>A certified copy of a foreign protective order, accompanied by a sworn affidavit that the order remains in effect and has not been vacated or modified, may be filed with the court; provided that no filing fee shall be required. Filing of a foreign protective order with the court shall not be required for enforcement of the foreign protective order in this State</p>
IDAHO	<p style="text-align: center;">Idaho Code § 39-6305</p> <p>No filing fee, service fee, hearing fee or bond shall be charged for proceedings seeking only the relief provided under this chapter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Idaho Code § 39-6306.</p> <p>(1) Upon filing of a petition based upon a sworn affidavit for a protection order, the court shall hold a hearing to determine whether the relief sought shall be granted within fourteen (14) days. If either party is represented by counsel at a hearing seeking entry of a protection order, the court shall permit a continuance, if requested, of the proceedings so that counsel may be obtained by the other party. If the court finds that it is necessary for both parties to be represented by counsel, the court shall enter appropriate orders to ensure that counsel is retained. The order entered may require either the petitioner or respondent, or both, to pay for costs of counsel. Upon a showing that there is an immediate and present danger of domestic violence to the petitioner the court may, if requested, order for a period not to exceed one (1) year that:</p> <p>(f) The respondent be required to pay service fees, and to reimburse the petitioner for costs incurred in bringing the action, including a reasonable attorney's fee;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Idaho Code § 39-6306A (5)(c )</p> <p>5(c) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order</p>

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<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">750 ILC 60/202(b)</p> <p>(b) Filing, certification, and service fees. No fee shall be charged by the clerk for filing, amending, vacating, certifying, or photocopying petitions or orders; or for issuing alias summons; or for any related filing service. No fee shall be charged by the sheriff for service by the sheriff of a petition, rule, motion, or order in an action commenced under this Section.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">750 ILCS 60/222.5(d)</p> <p>(d) The clerk shall not charge a fee to file a foreign order of protection under this Section.</p>
<b>INDIANA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 34-26-5-16</p> <p>Fees for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) filing;</li> <li>(2) service of process;</li> <li>(3) witnesses; or</li> <li>(4) subpoenas;</li> </ul> <p>may not be charged for a proceeding seeking relief or enforcement as provided in this chapter, including a proceeding concerning a foreign protection order as described in section 17 [IC 34-26-5-17] of this chapter. This section may not be construed to prevent the collecting of costs from a party against whom an order for protection is sought if the court finds a claim to be meritorious and issues an order for protection under this chapter.</p>
<b>IOWA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Iowa Code § 236.3 (3)</p> <p>3.a. The filing fee and court costs for an order for protection and in a contempt action under this chapter shall be waived for the plaintiff.  3.b. The clerk of court, the sheriff of any county in this state, and other law enforcement and corrections officers shall perform their duties relating to service of process without charge to the plaintiff. When an order for protection is entered by the court, the court may direct the defendant to pay to the clerk of court the fees for the filing of the petition and reasonable costs of service of process if the court determines the defendant has the ability to pay the plaintiff's fees and costs. In lieu of personal service of an order for protection issued pursuant to this section, the sheriff of any county in this state, and other law enforcement and corrections officers may serve a defendant with a short-form notification pursuant to section 664A.4A.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Iowa Code § 236.19 (5)</p> <p>5. Filing and service costs in connection with foreign protective orders are waived as provided in section 236.3.</p>
<b>KANSAS</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">K.S.A. § 60-3104 (d)</p> <p>(d) Service of process served under this section shall be by personal service and not by certified mail return receipt requested. No docket fee shall be required for proceedings under the protection from abuse act.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">K.S.A. § 60-31b05 (b)</p> <p>(b) A fee shall not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.</p>

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<p><b>KENTUCKY</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KRS § 403.745 (2)</p> <p>(2) Costs, fees, or bond shall not be assessed against or required of a petitioner for any filing, hearing, service, or order authorized by or required to implement KRS 403.715 to 403.785.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KRS § 403.720 (3) – (6)</p> <p>(3) “Foreign protective order” means any judgment, decree, or order of protection which is entitled to full faith and credit pursuant to 18 U.S.C. sec. 2265 that was issued on the basis of domestic violence and abuse;</p> <p>(6) “Order of protection” means an emergency protective order or a domestic violence order and includes a foreign protective order</p>
<p><b>LOUISIANA</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">La. R.S. § 9:367</p> <p>In any family violence case, all court costs, attorney fees, evaluation fees, and expert witness fees incurred in furtherance of this Part shall be paid by the perpetrator of the family violence, including all costs of medical and psychological care for the abused spouse, or for any of the children, necessitated by the family violence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">La. R.S. § 46:2136.1</p> <p>A. All court costs, attorney fees, costs of enforcement and modifications proceedings, costs of appeals, evaluation fees, and expert witness fees incurred in maintaining or defending any proceeding concerning domestic abuse assistance in accordance with the provisions of this Part shall be paid by the perpetrator of the domestic violence, including all costs of medical and psychological care for the abused adult, or for any of the children, necessitated by the domestic violence.</p> <p>B. However, if the court determines the petition was frivolous, the court may order the nonprevailing party to pay all court costs and reasonable attorney fees of the other party.</p>
<p><b>MAINE</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19-A M.R.S. § 4005 (4)</p> <p>4. FEES. A fee may not be charged for forms or for filing a complaint. A plaintiff may apply for leave to proceed in forma pauperis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">19-A M.R.S. § 4009</p> <p>The clerk shall issue, without fee, a copy of an order, agreement, amendment or revocation to the plaintiff, the defendant and to the law enforcement agencies most likely to enforce it as determined by the court.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 M.R.S.A. § 8006 (2)</p> <p>2. EXCEPTION.</p> <p>A fee may not be charged for the registration, docketing, transcription or other enforcement proceedings of a foreign judgment or order that qualifies as a protection order as defined by 18 United States Code, Section 2266 or is the equivalent of a protection from abuse order under Title 19-A, Part 4 or a protection from harassment order under Title 5, chapter 337-A.</p>



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<b>MARYLAND</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. § 4-504(c)</p> <p>(c) Fees. -- The petitioner may not be required to pay a filing fee or costs for the issuance or service of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) an interim protective order;</li> <li>(2) a temporary protective order;</li> <li>(3) a final protective order; or</li> <li>(4) a witness subpoena.</li> </ol>
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 209A, § 3(i)</p> <p>(i) the judge may recommend to the defendant that the defendant attend a batterer's intervention program that is certified by the department of public health.</p> <p>No filing fee shall be charged for the filing of the complaint. Neither the plaintiff nor the plaintiff's attorney shall be charged for certified copies of any orders entered by the court, or any copies of the file reasonably required for future court action or as a result of the loss or destruction of plaintiff's copies.</p>
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">MCLS § 600.2529 (e )</p> <p>(e) Except as otherwise provided in this section, on filing a motion, the moving party shall pay a fee of \$20.00. In conjunction with an action brought under section 2950 or 2950a, a motion fee shall not be collected for a motion to dismiss the petition, a motion to modify, rescind, or terminate a personal protection order, or a motion to show cause for a violation of a personal protection order. A motion fee shall not be collected for a motion to dismiss a proceeding to enforce a foreign protection order or a motion to show cause for a violation of a foreign protection order under sections 2950h to 2950m. A motion fee shall not be collected for a request for a hearing to contest income withholding under section 7 of the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.607. For each fee collected under this subdivision, the clerk shall transmit \$10.00 to the state treasurer for deposit in the state court fund created by section 151a.</p>
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minn. Stat. Ann. § 518B.01(3a)</p> <p>The filing fees for an order for protection under this section are waived for the petitioner. The court administrator, the sheriff of any county in this state, and other law enforcement and corrections officers shall perform their duties relating to service of process without charge to the petitioner. The court shall direct payment of the reasonable costs of service of process if served by a private process server when the sheriff or other law enforcement or corrections officer is unavailable or if service is made by publication, without requiring the petitioner to make application under section 563.01. The court may direct a respondent to pay to the court administrator the petitioner's filing fees and reasonable costs of service of process if the court determines that the respondent has the ability to pay the petitioner's fees and costs.</p>
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Miss. Code Ann. § 93-21-7(3)</p> <p>(3) The petitioner in any action brought pursuant to this chapter shall not bear the costs associated with its filing or the costs associated with the issuance or service of any notice of a hearing to the respondent, issuance or service of an order of protection on the respondent, or issuance or service of a warrant or witness subpoena. If the court finds that the petitioner is entitled to an order protecting the petitioner from abuse, the court shall be authorized to assess all costs including attorney's fees of the proceedings to the respondent. The court may assess costs including attorney's fees to the petitioner only if the allegations of abuse are determined to be without merit and the court finds that the petitioner is not a victim of abuse as defined by Section 93-21-3.</p>

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<b>MISSOURI</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mo. Rev. Stat. § 455.027</p> <p>No filing fees, court costs, or bond shall be assessed to the petitioner in an action commenced pursuant to sections 455.010 to 455.090.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mo. Rev. Stat. § 455.067 (3)</p> <p>3. Filing of the foreign order of protection shall be without fee or cost.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mo. Rev. Stat. § 488.610.</p> <p>Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no victim of the crime of domestic assault, as defined in sections 565.072 to 565.074, no victim of the crime of stalking, as defined in section 565.225, and no victim, as defined in section 595.010, shall be required to pay the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against the offender, or the costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration or service of a warrant, protection order, petition for protection order or witness subpoena.</p>
<b>MONTANA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mont. Code Ann. §40-15-204(8)</p> <p>(8) There is no cost to file a petition for an order of protection or for service of an order of protection whether served inside or outside the jurisdiction of the court issuing the order.</p>
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">R.R.S. Neb. § 28-311.09 (5)</p> <p>(a) Fees to cover costs associated with the filing of a petition for a harassment protection order or the issuance or service of a harassment protection order seeking only the relief provided by this section shall not be charged, except that a court may assess such fees and costs if the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the statements contained in the petition were false and that the harassment protection order was sought in bad faith.</p> <p>(b) A court may also assess costs associated with the filing of a petition for a harassment protection order or the issuance or service of a harassment protection order seeking only the relief provided by this section against the respondent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.R.S. Neb § 42-924.01</p> <p>Fees to cover costs associated with the filing of a petition for a protection order or the issuance or service of a protection order seeking only the relief provided by the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act shall not be charged, except that a court may assess such fees and costs if the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the statements contained in the petition were false and that the protection order was sought in bad faith.</p> <p>At the final hearing, a court may assess costs associated with the filing of a petition for a protection order or the issuance or service of a protection order seeking only the relief provided by the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act against the respondent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.R.S. Neb. § 42-936 (f)</p> <p>(f) A fee shall not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.</p>

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NEVADA	<p style="text-align: center;">Nev. Rev. Stat. § 33.050</p> <p>1. The payment of all costs and official fees must be deferred for any applicant for a temporary or extended order. After any hearing and no later than final disposition of the application or order, the court shall assess the costs and fees against the adverse party, except that the court may reduce them or waive them, as justice may require.</p> <p>2. The clerk of the court shall provide each party, free of cost, with information about the:</p> <p>(a) Availability of temporary and extended orders;</p> <p>(b) Procedure for filing an application for an order; and</p> <p>(c) Right to proceed without legal counsel.</p> <p>3. The clerk of the court or other person designated by the court shall assist any party in completing and filing the application, affidavit and any other paper or pleading necessary to initiate or respond to an application for a temporary or extended order. This assistance does not constitute the practice of law, but the clerk shall not render any advice or service that requires the professional judgment of an attorney.</p> <p>4. The clerk of the court shall not charge an applicant for a temporary or extended order for providing the applicant with a certified copy of the temporary or extended order.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nev. Rev. Stat. § 33.090 (3)</p> <p>3. The clerk of the court shall not:</p> <p>(a) Charge a fee for registering an order or for providing a certified copy of an order pursuant to this section.</p> <p>(b) Notify the party against whom the order has been made that an order for protection against domestic violence issued by the court of another state, territory or Indian tribe has been registered in this state.</p>
NEW HAMPSHIRE	<p style="text-align: center;">N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 173-B:3 (III)</p> <p>III. No filing fee or fee for service of process shall be charged for a petition or response under this section, and the plaintiff or defendant may proceed without legal counsel. Either a peace officer or the sheriff's department shall serve process under this section. Any proceeding under this chapter shall not preclude any other available civil or criminal remedy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 173-B:13 (IV)</p> <p>IV. A person entitled to protection under a foreign protective order, as defined in paragraph II, may file such order in any circuit court by filing with the court a certified copy of the order. Such person shall swear under oath in an affidavit to the best of such person's knowledge that the order is presently in effect as written. Such filing shall be without fee or cost. The clerk of the circuit court shall forward such order to the administrative office of the courts which shall enter such order in the state database. Such filing shall not be a precondition to arrest or enforcement of a foreign order.</p>
NEW JERSEY	<p style="text-align: center;">N.J. Stat. § 2C:25-29 (b)</p> <p>b. (4) An order requiring the defendant to pay to the victim monetary compensation for losses suffered as a direct result of the act of domestic violence. The order may require the defendant to pay the victim directly, to reimburse the Victims of Crime Compensation Office for any and</p>

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	<p>all compensation paid by the Victims of Crime Compensation Office directly to or on behalf of the victim, and may require that the defendant reimburse any parties that may have compensated the victim, as the court may determine. Compensatory losses shall include, but not be limited to, loss of earnings or other support, including child or spousal support, out-of-pocket losses for injuries sustained, cost of repair or replacement of real or personal property damaged or destroyed or taken by the defendant, cost of counseling for the victim, moving or other travel expenses, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and compensation for pain and suffering. Where appropriate, punitive damages may be awarded in addition to compensatory damages.</p>
<p><b>NEW MEXICO</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N.M. Stat. Ann. § 30-1-15, § 40-13-3.1</p> <p>A. An alleged victim of an offense specified in Subsection B of this section is not required to bear the cost of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the prosecution of a misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense, including costs associated with filing a criminal charge against an alleged perpetrator of the offense;</li> <li>(2) the filing, issuance or service of a warrant;</li> <li>(3) the filing, issuance or service of a witness subpoena; or</li> <li>(4) the filing, issuance, registration or service of a protection order.</li> </ol> <p>B. The provisions of Subsection A of this section apply to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) alleged victims of domestic abuse as defined in Section 40-13-2 NMSA 1978;</li> <li>(2) sexual offenses described in Sections 30-9-11 through 30-9-14 and 30-9-14.3 NMSA 1978;</li> <li>(3) crimes against household members described in Sections 30-3-12 through 30-3-16 NMSA 1978;</li> <li>(4) harassment, stalking and aggravated stalking described in Sections 30-3A-2 through 30-3A-3.1 NMSA 1978; and</li> <li>(5) the violation of an order of protection that is issued pursuant to the Family Violence Protection Act [40-13-1 NMSA 1978] or entitled to full faith and credit.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">N.M. Stat. Ann. § 40-13-3.1</p> <p>A. An alleged victim of domestic abuse shall not be required to bear the cost of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the prosecution of a misdemeanor or felony offense arising out of an incident of domestic abuse, including costs associated with filing a criminal charge against the alleged perpetrator of the abuse;</li> <li>(2) the filing, issuance or service of a warrant;</li> <li>(3) the filing, issuance or service of a witness subpoena;</li> <li>(4) the filing, issuance or service of a petition for an order of protection;</li> <li>(5) the filing, issuance or service of an order of protection; or</li> <li>(6) obtaining law enforcement reports or photographs or copies of photographs relating to the alleged abuse or pattern of abuse.</li> </ol> <p>B. No witness fee shall be charged where prohibited by federal law.</p>
<p><b>NEW YORK</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N.Y. CLS Fam. Ct. Act § 153- b (b) § 842,</p> <p>(b) a peace officer, acting pursuant to his or her special duties, or a police officer &lt;1&gt; shall, upon receipt, serve or provide for the service of the summons and the petition together with any associated papers and, if one has been issued, the temporary order of protection, or order of protection issued upon a default and shall not charge a fee for such service, including, but not limited to, fees as provided under section eight</p>

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	<p>thousand eleven of the civil practice law and rules;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NY CLS Dom Rel § 240 § 842(f)</p> <p>Any order of protection issued pursuant to this section may require the petitioner or the respondent: (f) to pay the reasonable counsel fees and disbursements involved in obtaining or enforcing the order of the person who is protected by such order if such order is issued or enforced;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NY CLS Dom Rel § 240</p> <p>3-a. [As amendend, L 2010, ch 446] Service of order of protection. (d) Any peace or police officer or designated person performing service under this subdivision shall not charge a fee for such service, including, but not limited to, fees as provided under section eight thousand eleven of the civil practice law and rules.</p> <p>3-c (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of article fifty-four of the civil practice law and rules, an order of protection or temporary order of protection issued by a court of competent jurisdiction in another state, territorial or tribal jurisdiction, accompanied by a sworn affidavit that upon information and belief such order is in effect as written and has not been vacated or modified, may be filed without fee with the clerk of the court, who shall transmit information regarding such order to the statewide registry of orders of protection and warrants established pursuant to section two hundred twenty-one-a of the executive law; provided, however, that such filing and registry entry shall not be required for enforcement of the order.</p>
NORTH CAROLINA	<p style="text-align: center;">N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 50B-2 (a)</p> <p>(a) Any person residing in this State may seek relief under this Chapter by filing a civil action or by filing a motion in any existing action filed under Chapter 50 of the General Statutes alleging acts of domestic violence against himself or herself or a minor child who resides with or is in the custody of such person. Any aggrieved party entitled to relief under this Chapter may file a civil action and proceed pro se, without the assistance of legal counsel. The district court division of the General Court of Justice shall have original jurisdiction over actions instituted under this Chapter. Any action for a domestic violence protective order requires that a summons be issued and served. The summons issued pursuant to this Chapter shall require the defendant to answer within 10 days of the date of service. Attachments to the summons shall include the complaint, notice of hearing, any temporary or ex parte order that has been issued, and other papers through the appropriate law enforcement agency where the defendant is to be served. In compliance with the federal Violence Against Women Act, no court costs or attorneys' fees shall be assessed for the filing, issuance, registration, or service of a protective order or petition for a protective order or witness subpoena, except as provided in G.S. 1A-1, Rule 11.</p>
NORTH DAKOTA	<p style="text-align: center;">N.D. Cent. Code § 14-07.1-03 (6)</p> <p>6. Fees for filing and service of process may not be assessed to the petitioner for any proceeding seeking relief under chapter 14-07.1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N.D. Cent. Code § 14-07.4-04(6)</p> <p>6. A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order or the correction or removal of a foreign protection order.</p>
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	No statute found.

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<b>OHIO</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">O.R.C. Ann. § 2919.26 (J)(1)</p> <p>(J)(1) Subject to division (J)(2) of this section and regardless of whether a protection order is issued or a consent agreement is approved by a court of another county or a court of another state, no court or unit of state or local government shall charge the movant any fee, cost, deposit, or money in connection with the filing of a motion pursuant to this section, in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, modification, enforcement, dismissal, withdrawal, or service of a protection order, consent agreement, or witness subpoena or for obtaining a certified copy of a protection order or consent agreement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">O.R.C. Ann. § 3113.31 (J)</p> <p>(J) (1) Subject to divisions (E)(8)(e) and (J)(2) of this section and regardless of whether a protection order is issued or a consent agreement is approved by a court of another county or a court of another state, no court or unit of state or local government shall charge the petitioner any fee, cost, deposit, or money in connection with the filing of a petition pursuant to this section or in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, modification, enforcement, dismissal, withdrawal, or service of a protection order, consent agreement, or witness subpoena or for obtaining a certified copy of a protection order or consent agreement.</p> <p>(2) Regardless of whether a protection order is issued or a consent agreement is approved pursuant to this section, the court may assess costs against the respondent in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, modification, enforcement, dismissal, withdrawal, or service of a protection order, consent agreement, or witness subpoena or for obtaining a certified copy of a protection order or consent agreement.</p>
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">22 Okl. St. § 60.2 (C )</p> <p>C. 1. Except as otherwise provided by this section, no filing fee, service of process fee, attorney fees or any other fee or costs shall be charged the plaintiff or victim at any time for filing a petition for a protective order whether a protective order is granted or not granted. The court may assess court costs, service of process fees, attorney fees, other fees and filing fees against the defendant at the hearing on the petition, if a protective order is granted against the defendant; provided, the court shall have authority to waive the costs and fees if the court finds that the party does not have the ability to pay the costs and fees.</p> <p>2. If the court makes specific findings that a petition for a protective order has been filed frivolously and no victim exists, the court may assess attorney fees and court costs against the plaintiff.</p>
<b>OREGON</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">ORS § 107.718 (8)</p> <p>8. If the court orders relief:</p> <p>(c) No filing fee, service fee or hearing fee shall be charged for proceedings seeking only the relief provided under ORS 107.700 to 107.735.</p>
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">23 Pa.C.S. § 6104 (d)(1)</p> <p>(d) Filing a foreign protection order. -- A plaintiff may file a certified copy of a foreign protection order with the prothonotary in any county within this Commonwealth where the plaintiff believes enforcement may be necessary. The following provisions shall apply:</p> <p>(1) No costs or fees associated with filing a foreign protection order shall be assigned to the plaintiff, including the cost of obtaining certified copies of the order. Costs and fees associated with filing a foreign protection order may be assessed against the defendant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23 Pa.C.S. § 6106(b) – (g.1)</p> <p>(b) Plaintiff fees not permitted.-- No plaintiff seeking relief under this chapter shall be charged any fees or costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration or service of a petition, motion, complaint, order or any other filing. Prohibited fees or costs shall include, but are not</p>

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	<p>limited to, those associated with modifying, withdrawing, dismissing or certifying copies of a petition, motion, complaint, order or any other filing, as well as any judicial surcharge or computer system fee. No plaintiff seeking relief under this chapter shall be charged any fees or costs associated with filing a motion for reconsideration or an appeal from any order or action taken pursuant to this chapter. Nothing in this subsection is intended to expand or diminish the court's authority to enter an order pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1023.1 (relating to Scope. Signing of Documents. Representations to the Court. Violation).</p> <p>(c) Assessment of fees and costs against the defendant.-- When an order is granted pursuant to this chapter, fees and costs shall be assessed against the defendant. The court shall waive fees and costs upon a showing of good cause or when the court makes a finding that the defendant is not able to pay the costs. Nothing in this subsection is intended to expand or diminish the court's authority to enter an order pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1023.1.</p> <p>(d) Surcharge on order.-- When a protection order is granted under section 6107(a) (relating to hearings), other than pursuant to an agreement of the parties, a surcharge of \$ 100 shall be assessed against the defendant. All moneys received from surcharges shall be distributed in the following order of priority:</p> <p>(g.1) Service of original process of a foreign protection order. -- No plaintiff or petitioner shall be charged any costs or fees associated with the service of original process of a foreign protection order. Costs or fees associated with the service of original process of a foreign protection order may be assessed against the defendant.</p>
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>	<p>33 L.P.R.A. § 4015 (b) (3)</p> <p>(b)(3) Direct the respondent party to pay pecuniary compensation for damages caused by conduct that constitutes stalking. Said compensation may include, but shall not be limited to compensation for moving expenses, expenses for repair of the property, legal expenses, medical and psychiatric expenses, psychological and counseling expenses, guidance, lodging, and other similar expenses, without prejudice to other civil procedures to which the petitioner would be entitled.</p>
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<p>R.I. Gen. Laws § 15-15-2 (c)</p> <p>(c) A party filing a complaint under this chapter may do so without payment of any filing fee, but shall be required to disclose any prior or pending actions for divorce or separation.</p>
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<p>S.C. Code Ann. § 20-4-65</p> <p>A person seeking an order of protection from domestic abuse pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is not required to pay the filing fee as provided in Section 8-21-310(11)(a).</p> <p>S.C. Code Ann. § 20-4-80</p> <p>A certified copy of an order of protection must be mailed to or served upon the petitioner, the respondent, and local law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in the area where the petitioner resides. No charge may be made to the petitioner for such action.</p>
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	<p>S.D. Codified Laws § 25-10-12.2</p> <p>Any person entitled to protection under a foreign domestic violence protection order may file the foreign order in the office of any clerk of a circuit court in this state. The person filing the foreign order shall also file with the clerk of a circuit court an affidavit certifying the validity and status of the order and attesting to the person's belief that the order has not been amended, rescinded, or superseded by any orders from a</p>

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	<p>court of competent jurisdiction. If a foreign order is filed under this section, the clerk of a circuit court shall enter the order in the law enforcement protection order database. Filing of a foreign order under this section is not a prerequisite to the order's enforcement in this state. No fee may be assessed for filing the foreign order.</p>
<p><b>TENNESSEE</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-617</p> <p>(a)(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no domestic abuse victim, stalking victim or sexual assault victim shall be required to bear the costs, including any court costs, filing fees, litigation taxes or any other costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, service, dismissal or nonsuit, appeal or enforcement of an ex parte order of protection, order of protection, or a petition for either such order, whether issued inside or outside the state. If the court, after the hearing on the petition, issues or extends an order of protection, all court costs, filing fees, litigation taxes and attorney fees shall be assessed against the respondent.</p> <p>(2) If the court does not issue or extend an order of protection, the court may assess all court costs, filing fees, litigation taxes and attorney fees against the petitioner if the court makes the following finding by clear and convincing evidence:</p> <p>(A) The petitioner is not a domestic abuse victim, stalking victim or sexual assault victim and that such determination is not based on the fact that the petitioner requested that the petition be dismissed, failed to attend the hearing or incorrectly filled out the petition; and  (B) The petitioner knew that the allegation of domestic abuse, stalking, or sexual assault was false at the time the petition was filed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-622</p> <p>(c) A petitioner may present a certified copy of a foreign order of protection to a court having jurisdiction of orders of protection in the county in which the petitioner believes enforcement may be necessary. The clerk of such court shall receive the certified copies of any foreign order of protection and any supporting documents used to show the validity of such order and shall maintain such orders, along with any submitted documents. No costs, fees or taxes shall be charged by the clerks for this service. If an enforcement action is instituted in the court pursuant to any such order, the clerk shall file the order and shall otherwise treat the enforcement action as a case, except that all court costs, fees and litigation taxes shall be taxed by the judge at the adjudication of the enforcement action. It shall be a defense to any action taken for the enforcement of such order that the order is not valid as provided in subsection (b) or (d). No person shall present a foreign order of protection to a clerk that the person knows to no longer be in effect. A foreign order of protection shall continue in effect for the period of time specified in the order, and, if no time limitation is so specified, then the order shall continue in effect for a period of one (1) year from the date on which it is first presented to a Tennessee court pursuant to subsection (c); provided, that a continuation of any such order may be granted by the court subject to the requirements set forth in § 36-3-605.</p>
<p><b>TEXAS</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tex. Fam. Code § 81.002</p> <p>An applicant for a protective order or an attorney representing an applicant may not be assessed a fee, cost, charge, or expense by a district or county clerk of the court or a sheriff, constable, or other public official or employee in connection with the filing, serving, or entering of a protective order or for any other service described by this subsection, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a fee to dismiss, modify, or withdraw a protective order;</li> <li>(2) a fee for certifying copies;</li> <li>(3) a fee for comparing copies to originals;</li> <li>(4) a court reporter fee;</li> <li>(5) a judicial fund fee;</li> <li>(6) a fee for any other service related to a protective order; or</li> </ol>



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	<p>(7) a fee to transfer a protective order.</p> <p>Tex. Fam. Code § 81.003</p> <p>(a) Except on a showing of good cause or of the indigence of a party found to have committed family violence, the court shall require in a protective order that the party against whom the order is rendered pay the \$ 16 protective order fee, the standard fees charged by the clerk of the court in a general civil proceeding for the cost of serving the order, the costs of court, and all other fees, charges, or expenses incurred in connection with the protective order.</p> <p>(b) The court may order a party against whom an agreed protective order is rendered under Section 85.005 to pay the fees required in Subsection (a).</p>
<b>UTAH</b>	<p>Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-105 (3)</p> <p>(3) No charges may be imposed by a court clerk, constable, or law enforcement agency for:</p> <p>(a) filing a petition under this chapter;</p> <p>(b) obtaining an ex parte protective order;</p> <p>(c) obtaining copies, either certified or not certified, necessary for service or delivery to law enforcement officials; or</p> <p>(d) fees for service of a petition, ex parte protective order, or protective order.</p> <p>Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-116 (2)(a)</p> <p>(2)(a) A person entitled to protection under a foreign protection order may file the order in any district court by filing with the court a certified copy of the order. A filing fee may not be required.</p>
<b>VERMONT</b>	<p>15 V.S.A. § 1103 (a),(f)</p> <p>(a) Any family or household member may seek relief from abuse by another family or household member on behalf of him or herself or his or her children by filing a complaint under this chapter. The plaintiff shall submit an affidavit in support of the order.</p> <p>(f) No filing fee shall be required.</p>
<b>VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>	<p>5 VIC § 585 (f)</p> <p>(f) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order under this chapter.</p>
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	<p>Va. Code Ann. § 16.1-253 (L)</p> <p>L. No fee shall be charged for filing or serving any petition or order pursuant to this section.</p> <p>Va. Code Ann. § 16.1-279.1(J)</p> <p>J. No fee shall be charged for filing or serving any petition or order pursuant to this section.</p> <p>Va. Code Ann. § 17.1-272 (C )</p> <p>C. The process and service fee for serving any papers returnable out of state shall be \$75, except no fees shall be charged for the service of</p>

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	<p>papers in connection with the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense, or in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of a protective order or a petition for a protective order. A victim of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault shall not bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against the offender, and no victim shall bear the costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of a warrant, protective order, petition for a protective order, or witness subpoena, issued inside or outside the Commonwealth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Va. Code Ann. § 16.1-253.4. (K)</p> <p>K. No fee shall be charged for filing or serving any petition or order pursuant to this section.</p>
WASHINGTON	<p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Code Wash. § 7.90.055</p> <p>No fees for filing or service of process may be charged by a public agency to petitioners seeking relief under this chapter. Petitioners shall be provided the necessary number of certified copies at no cost.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Code Wash. § 26.50.030 (4)</p> <p>(4) No filing fee may be charged for proceedings under this section. Forms and instructional brochures shall be provided free of charge.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Code Wash. § 26.50.040</p> <p>No fees for filing or service of process may be charged by a public agency to petitioners seeking relief under this chapter. Petitioners shall be provided the necessary number of certified copies at no cost.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Code Wash. § 26.50.125</p> <p>Except as provided in RCW 10.14.055, the court may permit service by publication or by mail under this chapter only if the petitioner pays the cost of publication or mailing unless the county legislative authority allocates funds for service of process by publication or by mail for indigent petitioners.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Code Wash. § 26.52.030 (3)</p> <p>(3) The court shall accept the filing of a foreign protection order without a fee or cost.</p>
WEST VIRGINIA	<p style="text-align: center;">W. Va. Code § 48-27-308</p> <p>No fees shall be charged for the filing of petitions or other papers, service of petitions or orders, copies of orders, or other costs for services provided by, or associated with, any proceedings under this article until the matter is brought before the court for final resolution.</p>
WISCONSIN	<p style="text-align: center;">Wis. Stat. § 814.61(d) –(e)</p> <p>(d) No fee charged under this subsection in any action commenced under s. 813.12, 813.122, or 813.123 may be collected from a petitioner under s. 813.12, 813.122, or 813.123. The fee charged under this subsection for petitions filed and granted under s. 813.12, 813.122, or 813.123 shall be collected from the respondent under s. 813.12, 813.122, or 813.123 if he or she is convicted of violating a temporary restraining order or injunction issued under s. 813.12(3) or (4), 813.122(4) or (5), or 813.123(4) or (5).</p>

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	<p>(e) No fee charged under this subsection in any action commenced under s. 813.125 may be collected from a petitioner under s. 813.125 if the petition alleges conduct that is the same as or similar to conduct that is prohibited by s. 940.32 or that is listed in s. 813.12(1)(am)1. to 6. If no fee is collected under this paragraph, the fee charged under this subsection for petitions filed and granted under s. 813.125 shall be collected from the respondent under s. 813.125 if he or she is convicted of violating a temporary restraining order or injunction issued under s. 813.125(3) or (4).</p>
<p><b>WYOMING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wyo. Stat. § 35-21-103 (d),(h)</p> <p>(d) No filing fee or other court costs or fees shall be assessed or charged to a petitioner seeking an order of protection under this act.</p> <p>(h) The court may require the respondent to pay costs and fees incurred in bringing an action pursuant to this act including reasonable attorney's fees whether the attorney is court appointed or retained by petitioner.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wyo. Stat. § 35-21-103 (b)</p> <p>(b) Filing shall be without fee or cost.</p>