

By: Representative Watson

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 630

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-21-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT PROTECTIVE ORDERS SHALL REMAIN EFFECTIVE UNTIL
3 TERMINATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 93-21-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 93-21-17. (1) The granting of any relief authorized under
8 this chapter shall not preclude any other relief provided by law.

9 (2) Any protective order or approved consent agreement shall
10 be for a fixed period of time not to exceed three (3) years. The
11 court may amend its order or agreement at any time upon subsequent
12 petition filed by either party. A protective order issued under
13 the provisions of this chapter remains effective and enforceable
14 until it is terminated under its provisions, or is modified or
15 terminated earlier by action of the court upon the written request
16 of the original petitioner for such relief. The court shall
17 conduct a hearing before authorizing modification or termination
18 of a protective order before the time fixed in the order.

19 (3) No order or agreement under this chapter shall in any
20 manner affect title to any real property.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2003.

