



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2017 Assembly Bill 581

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 581

Under current law, a petitioner seeking a restraining order must file the petition in the county in which the cause of action arose, the county in which the petitioner or the respondent resides, or the county in which the petitioner is temporarily living, depending on the type of restraining order sought.

Assembly Bill 581 allows a petitioner to file a restraining order petition in any county within a 100-mile radius of the county seat of the county in which the petitioner resides or is temporarily living, provided that the petitioner, the petitioner's spouse, or a person with whom the petitioner is in a dating relationship, as defined in s. 813.12 (1) (ag), Stats., meets any of the following definitions concerning employment:

- A victim advocate, as defined in s. 905.045 (1) (e), Stats.
- An employee of the county court system.
- A legal professional practicing law, as defined in S.C.R. 23.01.
- A current or former law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 102.475 (8) (c), Stats.

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In addition to the two relationships provided under the bill, Assembly Amendment 1 allows a petitioner to file a petition for a restraining order in a different county if one of the following categories of persons is employed in one of the specified professions:

- A person with whom the petitioner has a child in common.
- A petitioner's immediate family member, as defined in s. 97.605 (4) (a) 2., Stats.

- A petitioner's household member, as defined in s. 813.12 (1) (c), Stats.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Tusler offered Assembly Amendment 1 on November 3, 2017. On November 7, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Family Law voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the amendment, and passage of Assembly Bill 581, as amended.

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