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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. **2553**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance
03/21/2016 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices
04/01/2016 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
04/14/2016 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
Read Second Time
05/11/2016 Calendar for the Day
Read Third Time
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate
05/18/2016 Returned to the House as Amended by the Senate
Refused to concur and Conference Committee appointed
05/21/2016 Conference Committee Report Adopted
Read Third Time as Amended by Conference
Repassed as Amended by Conference

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to orders for protection; eliminating respondent filing fee requirements;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 518B.01, subdivision 3a.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 518B.01, subdivision 3a, is amended to
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 3a. **Filing fee.** The filing fees for an order for protection under this section
1.8 are waived for the petitioner and respondent. The court administrator, the sheriff of any
1.9 county in this state, and other law enforcement and corrections officers shall perform their
1.10 duties relating to service of process without charge to the petitioner. The court shall
1.11 direct payment of the reasonable costs of service of process if served by a private process
1.12 server when the sheriff or other law enforcement or corrections officer is unavailable or if
1.13 service is made by publication, without requiring the petitioner to make application under
1.14 section 563.01. ~~The court may direct a respondent to pay to the court administrator the~~
1.15 ~~petitioner's filing fees and reasonable costs of service of process if the court determines~~
1.16 ~~that the respondent has the ability to pay the petitioner's fees and costs.~~