

# H.B. 149

## PROTECTIVE ORDER AMENDMENTS

Representative **Lorie D. Fowlke** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 3, Lines 61 through 62:*

61 (g) order the appointment of ~~{a}~~ the office of the Guardian Ad Litem to represent the interests  
of any  
62 minor children of the parties , if abuse or neglect of the minor children is alleged, or appoint a private  
Guardian ad Litem, if appropriate, pursuant to Section 78-7-45 ;

2. *Page 5, Lines 145 through 150:*

145 (b) If at that hearing the court does not issue a protective order, the ex parte protective  
146 order shall expire, unless it is otherwise extended by the court. Extensions beyond the 20-day  
147 period may not be granted unless the ~~{respondent}~~ petitioner is unable to be present at the hearing,  
or ;  
148 (i) the respondent has not been served;  
149 (ii) the respondent has had the opportunity to present a defense at the hearing; ~~{or}~~  
150 (iii) the respondent requests that the ex parte order be extended ; or  
(iv) exigent circumstances exist .