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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 25-1202, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 25, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 25-1203; AMENDING SECTION 25-1204, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 25, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 25-1205; AMENDING SECTIONS 25-1221, 25-1223, 25-1224, 25-1226, 25-1227, 25-1228, 25-1229, 25-1230, 25-1231, 25-1241, 25-1244, 25-1245, 25-1247, 25-1248, 25-1250, 25-1251, 25-1253, 25-1256, 25-1257, 25-1258, 25-1259 AND 25-1271, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 25, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 25-1272; AMENDING SECTIONS 25-1284, 25-1285, 25-1287, 25-1301, 25-1302, 25-1303, 25-1304, 25-1305, 25-1306, 25-1307, 25-1308, 25-1309, 25-1310, 25-1311 AND 25-1315, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 25, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 25-1316; REPEALING TITLE 25, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR RENUMBERING; AMENDING TITLE 25, CHAPTER 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 7; RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 25-1202, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 25-1202. Definitions

5 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Child" means an individual, whether over or under the age of
7 majority, who is or is alleged to be owed a duty of support by the
8 individual's parent or who is or is alleged to be the beneficiary of a
9 support order directed to the parent.

10 2. "Child support order" means a support order for a child, including
11 a child who has attained the age of majority under the law of the issuing
12 state OR FOREIGN COUNTRY.

13 3. "CONVENTION" MEANS THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL RECOVERY OF
14 CHILD SUPPORT AND OTHER FORMS OF FAMILY MAINTENANCE, CONCLUDED AT THE HAGUE
15 ON NOVEMBER 23, 2007.

16 ~~3-~~ 4. "Duty of support" means an obligation imposed or imposable by
17 law to provide support for a child, spouse or former spouse, including an
18 unsatisfied obligation to provide support.

19 5. "FOREIGN COUNTRY" MEANS A COUNTRY, INCLUDING A POLITICAL
20 SUBDIVISION OF A COUNTRY, OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES, THAT AUTHORIZES THE
21 ISSUANCE OF SUPPORT ORDERS AND TO WHICH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

22 (a) IT HAS BEEN DECLARED UNDER THE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE A
23 FOREIGN RECIPROCATING COUNTRY.

24 (b) IT HAS ESTABLISHED A RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT FOR CHILD SUPPORT WITH
25 THIS STATE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 25-1248.

26 (c) IT HAS ENACTED A LAW OR ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE
27 AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ORDERS THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE
28 PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED IN THIS CHAPTER.

29 (d) THE CONVENTION IS IN FORCE IN THE COUNTRY WITH RESPECT TO THE
30 UNITED STATES.

31 6. "FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER" MEANS A SUPPORT ORDER OF A FOREIGN
32 TRIBUNAL.

33 7. "FOREIGN TRIBUNAL" MEANS A COURT, ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OR
34 QUASI-JUDICIAL ENTITY OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH,
35 ENFORCE OR MODIFY SUPPORT ORDERS OR TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE OF A CHILD.
36 FOREIGN TRIBUNAL INCLUDES A COMPETENT AUTHORITY UNDER THE CONVENTION.

37 ~~4-~~ 8. "Home state" means the state OR FOREIGN COUNTRY in which a
38 child lived with a parent or a person acting as parent for at least six
39 consecutive months immediately preceding the time of filing a petition or a
40 comparable pleading for support and, if a child is less than six months old,
41 the state in which the child lived from birth with any of them. A period of
42 temporary absence of any of them is counted as part of the six month or other
43 period.

1 ~~5.~~ 9. "Income" includes earnings or other periodic entitlements to
2 money from any source and any other property subject to withholding for
3 support under the laws of this state.

4 ~~6.~~ 10. "Income withholding order" means an order or other legal
5 process directed to an obligor's employer or other debtor to withhold support
6 from the income of the obligor.

7 ~~7. "Initiating state" means a state from which a proceeding is
8 forwarded or in which a proceeding is filed for forwarding to a responding
9 state under this chapter or a law or procedure substantially similar to this
10 chapter.~~

11 ~~8.~~ 11. "Initiating tribunal" means the ~~authorized~~ tribunal ~~in an~~
12 ~~initiating~~ OF A state OR FOREIGN COUNTRY FROM WHICH A PETITION OR COMPARABLE
13 PLEADING IS FORWARDED OR IN WHICH A PETITION OR COMPARABLE PLEADING IS FILED
14 FOR FORWARDING TO ANOTHER STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY.

15 12. "ISSUING FOREIGN COUNTRY" MEANS THE FOREIGN COUNTRY IN WHICH A
16 TRIBUNAL ISSUES A SUPPORT ORDER OR A JUDGMENT DETERMINING PARENTAGE OF A
17 CHILD.

18 ~~9.~~ 13. "Issuing state" means the state in which a tribunal issues a
19 support order or ~~renders~~ a judgment determining parentage OF A CHILD.

20 ~~10.~~ 14. "Issuing tribunal" means the tribunal OF A STATE OR FOREIGN
21 COUNTRY that issues a support order or ~~renders~~ a judgment determining
22 parentage OF A CHILD.

23 ~~11.~~ 15. "Law" includes decisional and statutory law and rules and
24 regulations having the force of law.

25 ~~12.~~ 16. "Obligee" means any of the following:
26 (a) An individual to whom a duty of support is or is alleged to be
27 owed or in whose favor a support order ~~has been issued~~ or a judgment
28 determining parentage OF A CHILD has been ~~rendered~~ ISSUED.

29 (b) A FOREIGN COUNTRY, A state or A political subdivision OF A STATE
30 to which the rights under a duty of support or support order have been
31 assigned or that has independent claims based on financial assistance
32 provided to an individual obligee IN PLACE OF CHILD SUPPORT.

33 (c) An individual who seeks a judgment determining parentage of the
34 individual's child.

35 (d) A PERSON THAT IS A CREDITOR IN A PROCEEDING UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF
36 THIS CHAPTER.

37 ~~13.~~ 17. "Obligor" means an individual or the estate of a decedent that
38 meets any of the following conditions:
39 (a) Owes or is alleged to owe a duty of support.
40 (b) Is alleged but has not been adjudicated to be a parent of a child.
41 (c) Is liable under a support order.
42 (d) IS A DEBTOR IN A PROCEEDING UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THIS CHAPTER.

43 18. "OUTSIDE THIS STATE" MEANS A LOCATION IN ANOTHER STATE OR A
44 COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES, WHETHER OR NOT THE COUNTRY IS A FOREIGN
45 COUNTRY.

1 ~~14.~~ 19. "Person" has the same meaning prescribed in section 1-215.
2 ~~15.~~ 20. "Petition" includes a complaint.
3 ~~16.~~ 21. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible
4 medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and that is
5 retrievable in perceivable form.
6 ~~17.~~ 22. "Register" means to file IN A TRIBUNAL IN THIS STATE a support
7 order or judgment ~~determining THAT DETERMINES~~ parentage ~~in superior court OF~~
8 A CHILD AND THAT IS ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.
9 ~~18.~~ 23. "Registering tribunal" means a tribunal in which a support
10 order OR A JUDGMENT DETERMINING PARENTAGE OF A CHILD is registered.
11 ~~19.~~ 24. "Responding state" means a state in which a ~~proceeding~~
12 PETITION OR COMPARABLE PLEADING FOR SUPPORT OR DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE is
13 filed or to which a ~~proceeding~~ PETITION OR COMPARABLE PLEADING is forwarded
14 for filing from ~~an initiating~~ ANOTHER state ~~under this chapter or a law~~
15 ~~substantially similar to this chapter~~ OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.
16 ~~20.~~ 25. "Responding tribunal" means the authorized tribunal in a
17 responding state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.
18 ~~21.~~ 26. "Spousal support order" means a support order for a spouse or
19 former spouse of the obligor.
20 ~~22.~~ 27. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of
21 Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands or any territory or
22 insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. State
23 includes:-
24 ~~(a)~~ an Indian NATION OR tribe.
25 ~~(b)~~ A foreign country or political subdivision that has:
26 ~~(i)~~ Been declared to be a foreign reciprocating country or political
27 subdivision under federal law.
28 ~~(ii)~~ Established a reciprocal arrangement for child support with this
29 state pursuant to section 25-1248.
30 ~~(iii)~~ Enacted a law or established procedures for issuance and
31 enforcement of support orders that are substantially similar to the
32 procedures under this chapter.
33 ~~23.~~ 28. "Support enforcement agency" means a public official or agency
34 authorized to ~~seek~~ DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
35 (a) SEEK the enforcement of support orders or laws relating to the
36 duty of support.
37 (b) SEEK the establishment or modification of child support.
38 (c) ~~The~~ REQUEST A determination of parentage.
39 (d) ~~The location of~~ ATTEMPT TO LOCATE obligors or their assets.
40 (e) REQUEST a determination of the controlling child support order.
41 ~~24.~~ 29. "Support order" means a judgment, decree, order, ~~DECISION~~ or
42 directive, whether temporary, final or subject to modification, ~~ISSUED IN A~~
43 STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY for the benefit of a child, a spouse or a former
44 spouse, that provides for monetary support, health care, arrearages,
45 ~~RETROACTIVE SUPPORT~~ or reimbursement ~~and that~~ FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1 PROVIDED TO AN INDIVIDUAL OBLIGEE IN PLACE OF CHILD SUPPORT. SUPPORT ORDER
2 may include related costs and fees, interest, income withholding, AUTOMATIC
3 ADJUSTMENT, REASONABLE attorney fees and other relief.

4 ~~25-~~ 30. "Tribunal" means a court, administrative agency or
5 quasi-judicial entity authorized to establish, enforce or modify support
6 orders or to determine parentage OF A CHILD.

7 Sec. 2. Title 25, chapter 9, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding section 25-1203, to read:

9 25-1203. Enforcement agency

10 A. THE SUPERIOR COURT IS THE TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE.

11 B. THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY IS THE SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
12 AGENCY OF THIS STATE.

13 Sec. 3. Section 25-1204, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

14 25-1204. Remedies cumulative

15 A. Remedies provided by this chapter are cumulative and do not affect
16 the availability of remedies under other law, ~~including~~ OR the recognition of
17 a FOREIGN support order ~~of a foreign country or political subdivision~~ on the
18 basis of comity.

19 B. This chapter does not:

20 1. Provide the exclusive method of establishing or enforcing a support
21 order under the laws of this state.

22 2. Grant a tribunal of this state jurisdiction to render judgment or
23 issue an order relating to access and parenting times in a proceeding under
24 this chapter.

25 Sec. 4. Title 25, chapter 9, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
26 amended by adding section 25-1205, to read:

27 25-1205. Application of chapter to resident of foreign country
28 and foreign support proceeding

29 A. A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE SHALL APPLY ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6
30 OF THIS CHAPTER AND, AS APPLICABLE, ARTICLE 7 OF THIS CHAPTER TO A SUPPORT
31 PROCEEDING THAT INVOLVES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

32 1. A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER.

33 2. A FOREIGN TRIBUNAL.

34 3. AN OBLIGEE, AN OBLIGOR OR A CHILD RESIDING IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

35 B. A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE THAT IS REQUESTED TO RECOGNIZE AND ENFORCE
36 A SUPPORT ORDER ON THE BASIS OF COMITY MAY APPLY THE PROCEDURAL AND
37 SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6 OF THIS CHAPTER.

38 C. ARTICLE 7 OF THIS CHAPTER APPLIES ONLY TO A SUPPORT PROCEEDING
39 UNDER THE CONVENTION. IN SUCH A PROCEEDING, IF A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 7 OF
40 THIS CHAPTER IS INCONSISTENT WITH ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6 OF THIS
41 CHAPTER, THE ARTICLE 7 PROVISION CONTROLS.

42 Sec. 5. Section 25-1221, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

43 25-1221. Bases for jurisdiction over nonresident

44 A. In a proceeding to establish or enforce a support order or to
45 determine parentage OF A CHILD, a tribunal of this state may exercise

1 personal jurisdiction over a nonresident individual or the individual's
2 guardian or conservator if any of the following is true:

- 3 1. The individual is personally served within this state.
- 4 2. The individual submits to the jurisdiction of this state by
5 consent, by entering a general appearance or by filing a responsive document
6 having the effect of waiving any contest to personal jurisdiction.
- 7 3. The individual resided with the child in this state.
- 8 4. The individual resided in this state and provided prenatal expenses
9 or support for the child.
- 10 5. The child resides in this state as a result of the acts or
11 directives of the individual.
- 12 6. The individual engaged in sexual intercourse in this state and the
13 child may have been conceived by that act of intercourse.
- 14 7. The individual asserted parentage **OF A CHILD** on a birth certificate
15 filed in this state.

16 8. There is any other basis consistent with the constitutions of this
17 state and the United States for the exercise of personal jurisdiction.

18 B. The bases of personal jurisdiction prescribed in subsection A of
19 this section or in any other law of this state may not be used to acquire
20 personal jurisdiction for a tribunal of this state to modify a child support
21 order of another state unless the requirements of section 25-1311 ~~or 25-1315~~
22 are met, **OR, IN THE CASE OF A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER, UNLESS THE REQUIREMENTS**
23 **OF SECTION 25-1315 ARE MET.**

24 Sec. 6. Section 25-1223, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
25 **25-1223. Initiating and responding tribunal of state**

26 Under this chapter, a tribunal of this state may serve as an initiating
27 tribunal to forward proceedings to **A TRIBUNAL OF** another state and as a
28 responding tribunal for proceedings initiated in another state **OR A FOREIGN**
29 **COUNTRY.**

30 Sec. 7. Section 25-1224, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
31 **25-1224. Simultaneous proceedings**

32 A. A tribunal of this state may exercise jurisdiction to establish a
33 support order if the petition or comparable pleading is filed after a
34 pleading is filed in another state **OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY** only if all of the
35 following are true:

- 36 1. The petition or comparable pleading in this state is filed before
37 the expiration of the time allowed in the other state **OR THE FOREIGN COUNTRY**
38 for filing a responsive pleading challenging the exercise of jurisdiction by
39 the other state **OR THE FOREIGN COUNTRY.**
- 40 2. The contesting party timely challenges the exercise of jurisdiction
41 in the other state **OR THE FOREIGN COUNTRY.**

42 3. If relevant, this state is the home state of the child.

43 B. A tribunal of this state may not exercise jurisdiction to establish
44 a support order if the petition or comparable pleading is filed before a

1 petition or comparable pleading is filed in another state OR A FOREIGN
2 COUNTRY if all of the following are true:

3 1. The petition or comparable pleading in the other state OR THE
4 FOREIGN COUNTRY is filed before the expiration of the time allowed in this
5 state for filing a responsive pleading challenging the exercise of
6 jurisdiction by this state.

7 2. The contesting party timely challenges the exercise of jurisdiction
8 in this state.

9 3. If relevant, the other state OR THE FOREIGN COUNTRY is the home
10 state of the child.

11 Sec. 8. Section 25-1226, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
12 25-1226. Continuing jurisdiction to enforce child support order

13 A. A tribunal of this state that has issued a child support order
14 consistent with the laws of this state may serve as an initiating tribunal to
15 request a tribunal of another state to enforce:

16 1. The order if the order is the controlling order and has not been
17 modified by a tribunal of another state that assumed jurisdiction pursuant to
18 the uniform interstate family support act.

19 2. A money judgment for arrears of support and interest on the order
20 accrued before a determination that an order OF A TRIBUNAL of another state
21 is the controlling order.

22 B. A tribunal of this state having continuing jurisdiction over a
23 support order may act as a responding tribunal to enforce the order.

24 Sec. 9. Section 25-1227, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
25 25-1227. Determination of controlling child support order

26 A. If a proceeding is brought under this chapter and only one tribunal
27 has issued a child support order, the order of that tribunal is controlling
28 and shall be recognized.

29 B. If a proceeding is brought under this chapter and two or more child
30 support orders have been issued by tribunals in this state, ~~or~~ another state
31 OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY with regard to the same obligor and the same child, a
32 tribunal of this state having personal jurisdiction over both the obligor and
33 individual obligee shall apply the following rules and by order shall
34 determine which order controls AND MUST BE RECOGNIZED:

35 1. If only one of the tribunals would have continuing, exclusive
36 jurisdiction under this chapter, the order of that tribunal ~~is controlling~~
37 ~~and shall be recognized~~ CONTROLS.

38 2. If more than one of the tribunals would have continuing, exclusive
39 jurisdiction under this chapter, an order issued by a tribunal in the current
40 home state of the child is controlling. If an order has not been issued in
41 the current home state of the child, the order most recently issued is
42 controlling.

43 3. If none of the tribunals would have continuing exclusive
44 jurisdiction under this chapter, the tribunal of this state shall issue a
45 child support order that is controlling.

1 C. If two or more child support orders have been issued for the same
2 obligor and the same child, on request of a party ~~that~~ WHO is an individual
3 or THAT IS a support enforcement agency, a tribunal of this state having
4 personal jurisdiction over both the obligor and the obligee who is an
5 individual shall determine which order controls under subsection B of this
6 section. The request may be filed with a registration for enforcement or
7 registration for modification pursuant to article 6 of this chapter.

8 D. A request to determine which is the controlling order must be
9 accompanied by a copy of every child support order in effect and the
10 applicable record of payments. The requesting party shall give notice of the
11 request to each party whose rights may be affected by the determination.

12 E. The tribunal that issued the order that is recognized as
13 controlling under subsection A, B or C of this section has continuing
14 jurisdiction to the extent provided pursuant to section 25-1225 or 25-1226.

15 F. A tribunal of this state that determines the order that is the
16 controlling child support order under subsection B, paragraph 1 or 2 of this
17 section or subsection C of this section or that issues a new controlling
18 child support order under subsection B, paragraph 3 of this section shall
19 state in that order:

20 1. The basis on which the tribunal made its determination.

21 2. The amount of prospective support, if any.

22 3. The total amount of consolidated arrears and accrued interest, if
23 any, under all of the orders after all payments made are credited pursuant to
24 section 25-1229.

25 G. Within thirty days after issuance of an order determining the
26 controlling order, the party obtaining the order shall file a certified copy
27 of the order in each tribunal that had issued or registered an earlier order
28 of child support. A party or support enforcement agency that obtains the
29 controlling order but fails to file a certified copy is subject to
30 appropriate sanctions by a tribunal in which the issue of failure to file
31 arises. The failure to file does not affect the validity or enforceability
32 of the controlling order.

33 H. An order that has been determined to be the controlling order or a
34 judgment for consolidated arrears of support and interest, if any, made
35 pursuant to this section must be recognized in proceedings under this
36 chapter.

37 Sec. 10. Section 25-1228, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
38 read:

39 25-1228. Child support orders for two or more obligees

40 In responding to registrations or petitions for enforcement of two or
41 more child support orders in effect at the same time with regard to the same
42 obligor and different individual obligees, at least one of which was issued
43 by a tribunal of another state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY, a tribunal of this state
44 shall enforce those orders in the same manner as if the orders had been
45 issued by a tribunal of this state.

1 Sec. 11. Section 25-1229, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 25-1229. Credit for payments

4 A tribunal of this state shall credit amounts collected for a
5 particular period pursuant to any child support order against the amounts
6 owed for the same period under any other child support order for support of
7 the same child issued by a tribunal of this state, ~~or any other~~ ANOTHER state
8 OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

9 Sec. 12. Section 25-1230, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
10 read:

11 25-1230. Application of chapter to nonresident subject to
12 personal jurisdiction

13 A tribunal of this state exercising personal jurisdiction over a
14 nonresident in a proceeding under this chapter or other laws of this state
15 relating to a support order, or recognizing a FOREIGN support order ~~of a~~
16 ~~foreign country or political subdivision on the basis of comity~~, may receive
17 evidence from ~~another~~ OUTSIDE THIS state pursuant to section 25-1256,
18 communicate with a tribunal ~~of another~~ OUTSIDE THIS state pursuant to section
19 25-1257 and obtain discovery through a tribunal ~~of another~~ OUTSIDE THIS state
20 pursuant to section 25-1258. In all other respects, articles 3, ~~through 7~~ 4,
21 5 AND 6 of this chapter do not apply and the tribunal shall apply the
22 procedural and substantive law of this state.

23 Sec. 13. Section 25-1231, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
24 read:

25 25-1231. Continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify spousal
26 support order

27 A. A tribunal of this state issuing a spousal support order consistent
28 with the laws of this state has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify
29 the spousal support order throughout the existence of the support obligation.

30 B. A tribunal of this state may not modify a spousal support order
31 issued by a tribunal of another state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY having continuing,
32 exclusive jurisdiction over that order under the laws of that state OR
33 FOREIGN COUNTRY.

34 C. A tribunal of this state that has continuing, exclusive
35 jurisdiction over a spousal support order may serve as either:

- 36 1. An initiating tribunal of another state to enforce the spousal
37 support order issued in that state.
- 38 2. A responding tribunal to enforce or modify its own spousal support
39 order.

40 Sec. 14. Section 25-1241, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
41 read:

42 25-1241. Proceedings under this chapter

43 A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, this article applies
44 to all proceedings under this chapter.

1 B. An individual petitioner or a support enforcement agency may
2 initiate a proceeding authorized under this chapter by filing a petition in
3 an initiating tribunal for forwarding to a responding tribunal or by filing a
4 petition or a comparable pleading directly in a tribunal of another state OR
5 A FOREIGN COUNTRY that has or can obtain personal jurisdiction over the
6 respondent.

7 Sec. 15. Section 25-1244, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
8 read:

9 25-1244. Duties of initiating tribunal

10 A. On the filing of a petition authorized by this chapter, an
11 initiating tribunal of this state shall forward the petition and its
12 accompanying documents either:

13 1. To the responding tribunal or the appropriate support enforcement
14 agency in the responding state.

15 2. If the identity of the responding tribunal is unknown, to the state
16 information agency of the responding state with a request that the petition
17 be forwarded to the appropriate tribunal and that receipt be acknowledged.

18 B. If requested by the responding tribunal, a tribunal of this state
19 shall issue any certificate or other document and may make findings required
20 by the law of the responding state. If the responding ~~state~~ TRIBUNAL is IN a
21 foreign country ~~or political subdivision~~, on request the tribunal OF THIS
22 STATE shall specify the amount of support sought, convert that amount into
23 the equivalent amount in the foreign currency under applicable official or
24 market exchange rate as publicly reported, and provide any other documents
25 necessary to satisfy the requirements of the responding ~~state~~ FOREIGN
26 TRIBUNAL.

27 Sec. 16. Section 25-1245, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
28 read:

29 25-1245. Duties and powers of responding tribunal

30 A. When a responding tribunal of this state receives a petition or
31 comparable pleading from an initiating tribunal or directly pursuant to
32 section 25-1241, subsection B, it shall file the petition or pleading and
33 notify the petitioner of where and when it was filed.

34 B. A responding tribunal of this state, to the extent not prohibited
35 by other law, may do one or more of the following:

36 1. ~~Issue~~ ESTABLISH or enforce a support order, modify a child support
37 order, determine the controlling child support order or determine parentage
38 OF A CHILD.

39 2. Order an obligor to comply with a support order, specifying the
40 amount and the manner of compliance.

41 3. Order income withholding.

42 4. Determine the amount of any arrearages and specify a method of
43 payment.

44 5. Enforce orders by civil or criminal contempt, or both.

45 6. Set aside property for satisfaction of the support order.

- 1 7. Place liens and order execution on the obligor's property.
- 2 8. Order an obligor to keep the tribunal informed of the obligor's
- 3 current residential address, E-MAIL ADDRESS, telephone number, employer,
- 4 address of employment and telephone number at the place of employment.
- 5 9. Issue a ~~civil~~ CHILD SUPPORT arrest warrant for an obligor who has
- 6 failed after proper notice to appear at a hearing ordered by the tribunal and
- 7 enter the ~~civil~~ CHILD SUPPORT arrest warrant in any local and state computer
- 8 systems for criminal warrants.
- 9 10. Order the obligor to seek appropriate employment by specified
- 10 methods.
- 11 11. Award reasonable attorney fees and other fees and costs.
- 12 12. Grant any other available remedy.
- 13 C. A responding tribunal of this state shall include in a support
- 14 order issued under this chapter or in the documents accompanying the order
- 15 the calculations on which the support order is based.
- 16 D. A responding tribunal of this state may not condition the payment
- 17 of a support order issued under this chapter on compliance by a party with
- 18 provisions for visitation.
- 19 E. If a responding tribunal of this state issues an order under this
- 20 chapter, the tribunal shall send a copy of the order to the petitioner and
- 21 the respondent and to the initiating tribunal, if any.
- 22 F. If requested to enforce a support order, arrears or judgment or
- 23 modify a support order stated in a foreign currency, a responding tribunal of
- 24 this state shall convert the amount stated in the foreign currency to the
- 25 equivalent amount in dollars under the applicable official or market exchange
- 26 rate as publicly reported.
- 27 Sec. 17. Section 25-1247, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
- 28 read:
- 29 25-1247. Duties of support enforcement agency
- 30 A. IN A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS CHAPTER, a support enforcement agency of
- 31 this state, on request: ~~;~~
- 32 1. Shall provide services to a petitioner ~~in a proceeding under this~~
- 33 ~~chapter~~ THAT RESIDES IN A STATE.
- 34 2. SHALL PROVIDE SERVICES TO A PETITIONER THAT REQUESTS SERVICES
- 35 THROUGH A CENTRAL AUTHORITY OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY DESCRIBED IN SECTION
- 36 25-1202, PARAGRAPH 5, SUBDIVISION (a) OR (d).
- 37 3. MAY PROVIDE SERVICES TO A PETITIONER WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL NOT
- 38 RESIDING IN A STATE.
- 39 B. A support enforcement agency of this state that is providing
- 40 services to the petitioner shall:
- 41 1. Take all steps necessary to enable an appropriate tribunal ~~in~~ OF
- 42 this state, ~~or~~ another state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY to obtain jurisdiction over
- 43 the respondent.
- 44 2. Request an appropriate tribunal to set a date, time and place for a
- 45 hearing.

1 3. Make a reasonable effort to obtain all relevant information,
2 including information as to income and property of the parties.

3 4. Within two days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and other legal
4 holidays, after receipt of a written notice in a record from an initiating,
5 responding or registering tribunal, send a copy of the notice by first class
6 mail to the petitioner.

7 5. Within two days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and other legal
8 holidays, after receipt of a written communication in a record from the
9 respondent or the respondent's attorney, send a copy of the communication by
10 first class mail to the petitioner.

11 6. Notify the petitioner if jurisdiction over the respondent cannot be
12 obtained.

13 C. A support enforcement agency of this state that requests
14 registration of a child support order in this state for enforcement or for
15 modification shall make reasonable efforts to either:

16 1. Ensure that the order to be registered is the controlling order.

17 2. If two or more child support orders exist and the identity of the
18 controlling order has not been determined, ensure that a request for such a
19 determination is made in a tribunal having jurisdiction to do so.

20 D. A support enforcement agency of this state that requests
21 registration and enforcement of a support order, arrears or judgment stated
22 in a foreign currency shall convert the amounts stated in the foreign
23 currency into the equivalent amounts in dollars under the applicable official
24 or market exchange rate as publicly reported.

25 E. A support enforcement agency of this state shall request a tribunal
26 of this state to issue a child support order and an income withholding order
27 that redirect payment of current support, arrears and interest if requested
28 to do so by a support enforcement agency of another state pursuant to section
29 25-1259.

30 F. This chapter does not create or negate a relationship of attorney
31 and client or other fiduciary relationship between a support enforcement
32 agency or the attorney for the agency and the individual being assisted by
33 the agency.

34 Sec. 18. Section 25-1248, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
35 read:

36 25-1248. Duty of the attorney general

37 A. If the attorney general determines that the support enforcement
38 agency is neglecting or refusing to provide services to an individual, the
39 attorney general may order the agency to perform its duties under this
40 chapter or may provide those services directly to the individual.

41 B. The attorney general may determine that a foreign country ~~or~~
42 ~~political subdivision~~ has established a reciprocal arrangement for child
43 support with this state and take appropriate action for notification of the
44 determination.

1 Sec. 19. Section 25-1250, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 25-1250. Duties of department of economic security

4 A. The department of economic security is the state information agency
5 under this chapter.

6 B. The department shall:

7 1. Compile and maintain a current list, including addresses, of the
8 tribunals in this state that have jurisdiction under this chapter and any
9 support enforcement agencies in this state and transmit a copy to the state
10 information agency of every other state.

11 2. Maintain a register of tribunals and support enforcement agencies
12 received from other states.

13 3. Forward to the appropriate tribunal in the county in this state in
14 which the obligee or the obligor resides or in which the obligor's property
15 is believed to be located all documents concerning a proceeding under this
16 chapter received from ~~an initiating tribunal or the~~ ANOTHER state ~~information~~
17 ~~agency of the initiating state~~ OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

18 4. Obtain information concerning the location of the obligor and the
19 obligor's property within this state not exempt from execution, by such means
20 as postal verification, federal or state locator services, examination of
21 telephone directories, requests for the obligor's address from employers and
22 examination of governmental records, including to the extent not prohibited
23 by other law those relating to real property, vital statistics, law
24 enforcement, taxation, motor vehicles, driver licenses and social security.

25 Sec. 20. Section 25-1251, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
26 read:

27 25-1251. Pleadings and accompanying documents

28 A. In a proceeding under this chapter, a petitioner seeking to
29 establish a support order, determine parentage OF A CHILD or register and
30 modify a support order of another state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY must file a
31 petition. Unless otherwise ordered under section 25-1252, the petition or
32 accompanying documents shall provide, as far as known, the name, residential
33 address and social security number of the obligor and the obligee and the
34 name, sex, residential address, social security number and date of birth of
35 each child for whose benefit support is sought or whose parentage is to be
36 determined. Any social security numbers may be redacted and filed separately
37 pursuant to section 25-501, subsection G. Unless filed at the time of
38 registration, the petition must be accompanied by a copy of any support order
39 known to have been issued by another tribunal. The petition may include any
40 other information that may assist in locating or identifying the respondent.

41 B. The petition shall specify the relief sought. The petition and
42 accompanying documents shall conform substantially with the requirements
43 imposed by the forms mandated by federal law for use in cases filed by a
44 support enforcement agency.

1 Sec. 21. Section 25-1253, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 25-1253. Costs and fees

4 A. The petitioner shall not pay a filing fee or other costs.

5 B. If an obligee prevails, a responding tribunal **OF THIS STATE** may
6 assess against an obligor filing fees, reasonable attorney fees, other costs
7 and necessary travel and other reasonable expenses incurred by the obligee
8 and the obligee's witnesses. The tribunal shall not assess fees, costs or
9 expenses against the obligee or the support enforcement agency of either the
10 initiating or the responding state **OR FOREIGN COUNTRY**, except as provided by
11 other law. Attorney fees may be taxed as costs and may be ordered paid
12 directly to the attorney, who may enforce the order in the attorney's own
13 name. Payment of support owed to the obligee has priority over fees, costs
14 and expenses.

15 C. The tribunal shall order the payment of costs and reasonable
16 attorney fees if it determines that a hearing was requested primarily for
17 delay. In a proceeding under article 6 of this chapter for the enforcement
18 and modification of a support order after registration, a hearing is presumed
19 to have been requested primarily for delay if a registered support order is
20 confirmed or enforced without change.

21 Sec. 22. Section 25-1256, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
22 read:

23 25-1256. Special evidence and procedure

24 A. The physical presence of a nonresident party who is an individual
25 in a tribunal proceeding of this state is not required for the establishment,
26 enforcement or modification of a support order or the rendition of a judgment
27 determining parentage **OF A CHILD**.

28 B. An affidavit, a document substantially complying with federally
29 mandated forms or a document incorporated by reference in any affidavit or
30 mandated form that would not be excluded under the hearsay rule if given in
31 person is admissible in evidence if given under penalty of perjury by a party
32 or witness residing ~~in another~~ **OUTSIDE THIS** state.

33 C. A copy of the record of child support payments certified as a true
34 copy of the original by the custodian of the record may be forwarded to a
35 responding tribunal. The copy is evidence of facts asserted in it and is
36 admissible to show whether payments were made.

37 D. Copies of bills for testing for parentage **OF A CHILD** and for
38 prenatal and postnatal health care of the mother and child furnished to the
39 adverse party at least ten days before trial are admissible in evidence to
40 prove the amount of the charges billed and that the charges were reasonable,
41 necessary and customary.

42 E. Documentary evidence transmitted from ~~another~~ **OUTSIDE THIS** state to
43 a tribunal of this state by telephone, fax or other **ELECTRONIC** means that do
44 not provide an original record shall not be excluded from evidence on an
45 objection based on the means of transmission.

1 F. In a proceeding under this chapter, a tribunal of this state shall
2 permit a party or witness residing ~~in another~~ OUTSIDE THIS state to be
3 deposed or to testify by telephone, audiovisual means or other electronic
4 means at a designated tribunal or other location ~~in that state~~. A tribunal
5 of this state shall cooperate with OTHER tribunals ~~of other states~~ in
6 designating an appropriate location for the deposition or testimony.

7 G. If a party called to testify at a civil hearing refuses to answer
8 on the ground that the testimony may be self-incriminating, the trier of fact
9 may draw an adverse inference from the refusal.

10 H. A privilege against disclosure of communications between spouses
11 does not apply in a proceeding under this chapter.

12 I. The defense of immunity based on the relationship of husband and
13 wife or parent and child does not apply in a proceeding under this chapter.

14 J. A voluntary acknowledgment of paternity, certified as a true copy,
15 is admissible to establish parentage of the child.

16 Sec. 23. Section 25-1257, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
17 read:

18 25-1257. Communications between tribunals

19 A tribunal of this state may communicate with a tribunal ~~of another~~
20 OUTSIDE THIS state ~~or a foreign country or political subdivision~~ in a record
21 or by telephone, E-MAIL or other means to obtain information concerning the
22 laws, the legal effect of a judgment, decree or order of that tribunal and
23 the status of a proceeding ~~in the other state or the foreign country or~~
24 ~~political subdivision~~. A tribunal of this state may furnish similar
25 information by similar means to a tribunal ~~of another~~ OUTSIDE THIS state ~~or a~~
26 ~~foreign country or political subdivision~~.

27 Sec. 24. Section 25-1258, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
28 read:

29 25-1258. Assistance with discovery

30 A tribunal of this state may:

31 1. Request a tribunal ~~of another~~ OUTSIDE THIS state to assist in
32 obtaining discovery.

33 2. On request, compel a person over ~~whom~~ WHICH it has jurisdiction to
34 respond to a discovery order issued by a tribunal ~~of another~~ OUTSIDE THIS
35 state.

36 Sec. 25. Section 25-1259, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
37 read:

38 25-1259. Receipt and disbursement of payments

39 A. A support enforcement agency or tribunal of this state shall
40 disburse promptly any amounts received pursuant to a support order, as
41 directed by the order. The agency or tribunal shall furnish to a requesting
42 party or tribunal of another state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY a certified statement
43 by the custodian of the record of the amounts and dates of all payments
44 received.

1 B. If neither the obligor, the obligee who is an individual nor the
2 child resides in this state, on request from the support enforcement agency
3 of this state or another state, a tribunal of this state shall:

4 1. Direct that the support payment be made to the support enforcement
5 agency in the state in which the obligee is receiving services.

6 2. Issue and send to the obligor's employer a conforming income
7 withholding order or an administrative notice of change of payee, reflecting
8 the redirected payments.

9 C. The support enforcement agency of this state receiving redirected
10 payments from another state pursuant to a law similar to subsection B shall
11 furnish to a requesting party or tribunal of the other state a certified
12 statement by the custodian of the record of the amount and dates of all
13 payments received.

14 Sec. 26. Heading change

15 The article heading of title 25, chapter 9, article 4, Arizona Revised
16 Statutes, is changed from "ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPPORT ORDER" to "ESTABLISHMENT
17 OF SUPPORT ORDER OR DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE".

18 Sec. 27. Section 25-1271, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
19 read:

20 25-1271. Establishment of support order

21 A. If a support order entitled to recognition under this chapter has
22 not been issued, a responding tribunal of this state **WITH PERSONAL**
23 **JURISDICTION OVER THE PARTIES** may issue a support order if either:

24 1. The individual seeking the order resides ~~in another~~ **OUTSIDE THIS**
25 state.

26 2. The support enforcement agency seeking the order is located ~~in~~
27 ~~another~~ **OUTSIDE THIS** state.

28 B. The tribunal may issue a temporary child support order if the
29 tribunal determines that such an order is appropriate and the individual
30 ordered to pay is:

31 1. A presumed father of the child.

32 2. Petitioning to have his paternity adjudicated.

33 3. Identified as the father of the child through genetic testing.

34 4. An alleged father who has declined to submit to genetic testing.

35 5. Shown by clear and convincing evidence to be the father of the
36 child.

37 6. An acknowledged father as provided pursuant to section ~~36-322~~
38 **36-334**.

39 7. The mother of the child.

40 8. An individual who has been ordered to pay child support in a
41 previous proceeding and the order has not been reversed or vacated.

42 C. On finding, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, that an
43 obligor owes a duty of support, the tribunal shall issue a support order
44 directed to the obligor and may issue other orders pursuant to section
45 25-1245.

1 Sec. 28. Title 25, chapter 9, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding section 25-1272, to read:

3 25-1272. Proceeding to determine parentage of a child

4 A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE AUTHORIZED TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE OF A CHILD
5 MAY SERVE AS A RESPONDING TRIBUNAL IN A PROCEEDING TO DETERMINE THE PARENTAGE
6 OF A CHILD BROUGHT UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR A LAW OR PROCEDURE SUBSTANTIALLY
7 SIMILAR TO THIS CHAPTER.

8 Sec. 29. Heading change

9 The article heading of title 25, chapter 9, article 5, Arizona Revised
10 Statutes, is changed from "ENFORCEMENT OF ORDER OF ANOTHER STATE WITHOUT
11 REGISTRATION" to "ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ORDER WITHOUT REGISTRATION".

12 Sec. 30. Section 25-1284, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
13 read:

14 25-1284. Immunity from civil liability

15 An employer ~~who~~ THAT complies with an income withholding order issued
16 in another state in accordance with this article is not subject to civil
17 liability to an individual or agency with regard to the employer's
18 withholding of child support from the obligor's income.

19 Sec. 31. Section 25-1285, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
20 read:

21 25-1285. Penalties for noncompliance

22 An employer ~~who~~ THAT wilfully fails to comply with an income
23 withholding order issued ~~by~~ IN another state and received for enforcement is
24 subject to the same penalties that may be imposed for noncompliance with an
25 order issued by a tribunal of this state.

26 Sec. 32. Section 25-1287, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
27 read:

28 25-1287. Administrative enforcement of orders

29 A. A party or support enforcement agency seeking to enforce a support
30 order or an income withholding order, or both, issued ~~by a tribunal of~~ IN
31 another state OR A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER may send the documents required for
32 registering the order to a support enforcement agency of this state.

33 B. On receipt of the documents, the support enforcement agency,
34 without initially seeking to register the order, shall consider and, if
35 appropriate, use any administrative procedure authorized by the laws of this
36 state to enforce a support order or an income withholding order, or both. If
37 the obligor does not contest administrative enforcement, the order need not
38 be registered. If the obligor contests the validity or administrative
39 enforcement of the order, the support enforcement agency shall register the
40 order pursuant to this chapter.

1 Sec. 33. Section 25-1301, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 25-1301. Registration of order for enforcement

4 A support order or an income withholding order issued ~~by a tribunal of~~
5 **IN** another state **OR A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER** may be registered in this state
6 for enforcement.

7 Sec. 34. Section 25-1302, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
8 read:

9 25-1302 Procedure to register order for enforcement

10 A. **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 25-1336**, a support order or income
11 withholding order of another state **OR A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER** may be
12 registered in this state by sending the following documents ~~and information~~
13 to the appropriate tribunal in this state:

14 1. A letter of transmittal to the tribunal requesting registration and
15 enforcement.

16 2. Two copies, including one certified copy, of the order to be
17 registered, including any modification of the order.

18 3. A sworn statement by the person requesting registration or a
19 certified statement by the custodian of the records showing the amount of any
20 arrearage.

21 4. The name of the obligor and, if known:

22 (a) The obligor's address and social security number. The obligor's
23 social security number may be redacted and filed separately pursuant to
24 section 25-501, subsection G.

25 (b) The name and address of the obligor's employer and any other
26 source of income of the obligor.

27 (c) A description and the location of property of the obligor in this
28 state not exempt from execution.

29 5. Except as otherwise provided in section 25-1252, the name and
30 address of the obligee and, if applicable, the person to whom support
31 payments are to be remitted.

32 B. On receipt of a request for registration, the registering tribunal
33 shall cause the order to be filed as ~~a foreign judgment~~ **AN ORDER OF A**
34 **TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE OR A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER**, together with one copy
35 of the documents and information, regardless of their form.

36 C. **A PETITION OR COMPARABLE PLEADING SEEKING A REMEDY THAT MUST BE**
37 **AFFIRMATIVELY SOUGHT UNDER OTHER LAW OF THIS STATE MAY BE FILED AT THE SAME**
38 **TIME AS THE REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION OR LATER. THE PLEADING MUST SPECIFY THE**
39 **GROUND FOR THE REMEDY SOUGHT.**

40 ~~C.~~ D. If two or more orders are in effect, the person requesting
41 registration shall:

42 1. Furnish to the tribunal a copy of every support order asserted to
43 be in effect in addition to the documents specified in this section.

44 2. Specify the order alleged to be the controlling order, if any.

45 3. Specify the amount of consolidated arrears, if any.

1 ~~D.~~ E. A request for a determination of which is the controlling order
2 may be filed separately or with a request for registration and enforcement or
3 for registration and modification. The person requesting registration shall
4 give notice of the request to each party whose rights may be affected by the
5 determination.

6 Sec. 35. Section 25-1303, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
7 read:

8 25-1303. Effect of registration for enforcement

9 A. A support order or income withholding order issued in another state
10 OR A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER is registered when the order is filed in the
11 registering tribunal of this state.

12 B. A registered SUPPORT order issued in another state OR A FOREIGN
13 COUNTRY is enforceable in the same manner and is subject to the same
14 procedures as an order issued by a tribunal of this state.

15 C. Except as otherwise provided in this article, a tribunal of this
16 state shall recognize and enforce, but may not modify, a registered SUPPORT
17 order if the issuing tribunal had jurisdiction.

18 Sec. 36. Section 25-1304, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
19 read:

20 25-1304. Choice of law

21 A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection D OF THIS SECTION, the
22 law of the issuing state OR FOREIGN COUNTRY governs:

23 1. The nature, extent, amount and duration of current payments under a
24 registered support order.

25 2. The computation and payment of arrearages and accrual of interest
26 on the arrearages under the order.

27 3. The existence and satisfaction of other obligations under the
28 support order.

29 B. In a proceeding for arrears under a registered support order, the
30 statute of limitation of this state or of the issuing state OR FOREIGN
31 COUNTRY, whichever is longer, applies.

32 C. A responding tribunal of this state shall apply the procedures and
33 remedies of this state to enforce current support and collect arrears and
34 interest due on a support order of another state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY
35 registered in this state.

36 D. After a tribunal of this or another state determines which is the
37 controlling order and issues an order consolidating arrears, if any, a
38 tribunal of this state shall prospectively apply the law of the state OR
39 FOREIGN COUNTRY issuing the controlling order, including its law on interest
40 on arrears, on current and future support and on consolidated arrears.

41 Sec. 37. Section 25-1305, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
42 read:

43 25-1305. Notice of registration of order

44 A. When a support order or income withholding order issued in another
45 state OR A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER is registered, the registering tribunal OF

1 THIS STATE shall notify the nonregistering party. Notice shall be given by
2 first class or registered mail or by any means of personal service authorized
3 by the law of this state. The notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the
4 registered order and the documents and relevant information accompanying the
5 order.

6 B. A notice shall inform the nonregistering party:

7 1. That a registered order is enforceable as of the date of
8 registration in the same manner as an order issued by a tribunal of this
9 state.

10 2. That a hearing to contest the validity or enforcement of the
11 registered order must be requested within twenty days after the date of
12 mailing or personal service of the notice, UNLESS THE REGISTERED NOTICE IS
13 UNDER SECTION 25-1337.

14 3. That failure to contest the validity or enforcement of the
15 registered order in a timely manner will result in confirmation of the order
16 and enforcement of the order and the alleged arrearages and precludes further
17 contest of that order with respect to any matter that could have been
18 asserted.

19 4. Of the amount of any alleged arrearages.

20 C. If the registering party asserts that two or more orders are in
21 effect, a notice must also:

22 1. Identify the two or more orders and the order alleged by the
23 registering ~~person~~ PARTY to be the controlling order and the consolidated
24 arrears, if any.

25 2. Notify the nonregistering party of the right to a determination of
26 which is the controlling order.

27 3. State that the procedures provided in subsection B of this section
28 apply to the determination of which is the controlling order.

29 4. State that failure to contest the validity or enforcement of the
30 order alleged to be the controlling order in a timely manner may result in
31 confirmation that the order is the controlling order.

32 D. On registration of an income withholding order for enforcement, THE
33 SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR the registering tribunal shall serve the
34 obligor's employer with a wage assignment subject to the provisions of
35 section 25-504 or 25-506.

36 Sec. 38. Section 25-1306, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
37 read:

38 25-1306. Procedure to contest validity or enforcement of
39 registered support order

40 A. A nonregistering party seeking to contest the validity or
41 enforcement of a registered order in this state shall request a hearing
42 within ~~twenty days after the date of mailing or personal service of notice of~~
43 ~~the registration~~ THE TIME REQUIRED BY SECTION 25-1305. The nonregistering
44 party may seek to vacate the registration, to assert any defense to an
45 allegation of noncompliance with the registered order or to contest the

1 remedies being sought or the amount of any alleged arrearages pursuant to
2 section 25-1307.

3 B. If the nonregistering party fails to contest the validity or
4 enforcement of the registered **SUPPORT** order in a timely manner, the order is
5 confirmed by operation of law.

6 C. If a nonregistering party requests a hearing to contest the
7 validity or enforcement of the registered order, the registering tribunal
8 shall schedule the matter for a hearing and give notice to the parties by
9 first class mail of the date, time and place of the hearing.

10 Sec. 39. Section 25-1307, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
11 read:

12 **25-1307. Contest of registration or enforcement**

13 A. A party contesting the validity or enforcement of a registered
14 **SUPPORT** order or seeking to vacate the registration has the burden of proving
15 one or more of the following defenses:

16 1. The issuing tribunal lacked personal jurisdiction over the
17 contesting party.

18 2. The order was obtained by fraud.

19 3. The order has been vacated, suspended or modified by a later order.

20 4. The issuing tribunal has stayed the order pending appeal.

21 5. There is a defense under the law of this state to the remedy
22 sought.

23 6. Full or partial payment has been made.

24 7. The statute of limitation applicable under section 25-1304
25 precludes enforcement of some or all of the arrearages.

26 8. The alleged controlling order is not the controlling order.

27 B. If a party presents evidence establishing a full or partial defense
28 under subsection A of this section, a tribunal may stay enforcement of ~~the A~~
29 registered **SUPPORT** order, continue the proceeding to permit production of
30 additional relevant evidence and issue other appropriate orders. An
31 uncontested portion of the registered **SUPPORT** order may be enforced by all
32 remedies available under the laws of this state.

33 C. If the contesting party does not establish a defense under
34 subsection A of this section to the validity or enforcement of ~~the A~~
35 **REGISTERED SUPPORT** order, the registering tribunal shall issue an order
36 confirming the order.

37 Sec. 40. Section 25-1308, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
38 read:

39 **25-1308. Confirmed order**

40 Confirmation of a registered **SUPPORT** order, whether by operation of law
41 or after notice and a hearing, precludes further contest of the order with
42 respect to any matter that could have been asserted at the time of
43 registration.

1 obligation of support. If two or more tribunals have issued child support
2 orders for the same obligor and child, the order that is controlling and
3 recognized under section 25-1227 establishes the aspects of the support order
4 that are nonmodifiable.

5 D. In a proceeding to modify a child support order, the law of the
6 state that is determined to have issued the initial controlling order governs
7 the duration of the obligation of support. The obligor's fulfillment of the
8 duty of support established by that order precludes imposition of a further
9 obligation of support by a tribunal of this state.

10 E. On issuance of an order by a tribunal of this state modifying a
11 child support order issued in another state, the tribunal of this state
12 becomes the tribunal having continuing, exclusive jurisdiction.

13 F. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS SECTION AND SECTION 25-1221, SUBSECTION B, A
14 TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE RETAINS JURISDICTION TO MODIFY AN ORDER ISSUED BY A
15 TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE IF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING ARE TRUE:

- 16 1. ONE PARTY RESIDES IN ANOTHER STATE.
- 17 2. THE OTHER PARTY RESIDES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

18 Sec. 44. Section 25-1315, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
19 read:

20 25-1315. Jurisdiction to modify child support order of foreign
21 country

22 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 25-1341, if a foreign country ~~or~~
23 ~~political subdivision that is a state will not or may not modify its order~~
24 LACKS OR REFUSES TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION TO MODIFY ITS CHILD SUPPORT ORDER
25 pursuant to its laws, a tribunal of this state may assume jurisdiction to
26 modify the child support order and bind all individuals subject to the
27 personal jurisdiction of the tribunal whether ~~or not~~ the consent to
28 modification of a child support order otherwise required of the individual
29 pursuant to section 25-1311 has been given or whether the individual seeking
30 modification is a resident of this state or of the foreign country ~~or~~
31 ~~political subdivision~~.

32 B. An order issued BY A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MODIFYING A FOREIGN
33 CHILD SUPPORT ORDER pursuant to this section is the controlling order.

34 Sec. 45. Title 25, chapter 9, article 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
35 amended by adding section 25-1316, to read:

36 25-1316. Procedure to register child support order of foreign
37 country for modification

38 A PARTY OR SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SEEKING TO MODIFY, OR TO MODIFY
39 AND ENFORCE, A FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDER NOT UNDER THE CONVENTION MAY
40 REGISTER THAT ORDER IN THIS STATE IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS
41 25-1301, 25-1302, 25-1303, 25-1304, 25-1305, 25-1306, 25-1307 AND 25-1308 IF
42 THE ORDER HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED. A PETITION FOR MODIFICATION MAY BE FILED
43 AT THE SAME TIME AS A REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION, OR AT ANOTHER TIME. THE
44 PETITION MUST SPECIFY THE GROUNDS FOR MODIFICATION.

1 Sec. 46. Repeal
2 Title 25, chapter 9, article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

3 Sec. 47. Renumber
4 The following sections are renumbered:

<u>Former Sections</u>	<u>New Sections</u>
25-1341	25-1361
25-1342	25-1362

8 Sec. 48. Title 25, chapter 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by
9 adding a new article 7, to read:

10 ARTICLE 7. SUPPORT PROCEEDING UNDER CONVENTION

11 25-1331. Definitions

12 IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

13 1. "APPLICATION" MEANS A REQUEST UNDER THE CONVENTION BY AN OBLIGEE OR
14 OBLIGOR, OR ON BEHALF OF A CHILD, MADE THROUGH A CENTRAL AUTHORITY FOR
15 ASSISTANCE FROM ANOTHER CENTRAL AUTHORITY.

16 2. "CENTRAL AUTHORITY" MEANS THE ENTITY DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED
17 STATES OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25-1202, PARAGRAPH 5,
18 SUBDIVISION (d) TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS SPECIFIED IN THE CONVENTION.

19 3. "CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER" MEANS A SUPPORT ORDER OF A TRIBUNAL OF A
20 FOREIGN COUNTRY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25-1202, PARAGRAPH 5, SUBDIVISION (d).

21 4. "DIRECT REQUEST" MEANS A PETITION FILED BY AN INDIVIDUAL IN A
22 TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE IN A PROCEEDING INVOLVING AN OBLIGEE, OBLIGOR OR CHILD
23 RESIDING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

24 5. "FOREIGN SUPPORT AGREEMENT":

25 (a) MEANS AN AGREEMENT FOR SUPPORT IN A RECORD TO WHICH ALL OF THE
26 FOLLOWING APPLY:

27 (i) IT IS ENFORCEABLE AS A SUPPORT ORDER IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

28 (ii) IT HAS BEEN FORMALLY DRAWN UP OR REGISTERED AS AN AUTHENTIC
29 INSTRUMENT BY A FOREIGN TRIBUNAL OR AUTHENTICATED BY, OR CONCLUDED,
30 REGISTERED OR FILED WITH, A FOREIGN TRIBUNAL.

31 (iii) IT MAY BE REVIEWED AND MODIFIED BY A FOREIGN TRIBUNAL.

32 (b) INCLUDES A MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENT OR AUTHENTIC INSTRUMENT UNDER
33 THE CONVENTION.

34 6. "UNITED STATES CENTRAL AUTHORITY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED
35 STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

36 25-1332. Applicability

37 THIS ARTICLE APPLIES ONLY TO A SUPPORT PROCEEDING UNDER THE CONVENTION.
38 IN SUCH A PROCEEDING, IF A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE IS INCONSISTENT WITH
39 ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6 OF THIS CHAPTER, THIS ARTICLE CONTROLS.

40 25-1333. Relationship of department of economic security to
41 United States central authority

42 THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY IS RECOGNIZED AS THE AGENCY
43 DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CENTRAL AUTHORITY TO PERFORM SPECIFIC
44 FUNCTIONS UNDER THE CONVENTION.

1 EXTENT, FROM ANY FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR BY THE LAW OF THIS STATE
2 UNDER THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES.

3 D. A PETITIONER FILING A DIRECT REQUEST IS NOT ENTITLED TO ASSISTANCE
4 FROM THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

5 E. THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT PREVENT THE APPLICATION OF LAWS OF THIS STATE
6 THAT PROVIDE SIMPLIFIED, MORE EXPEDITIOUS RULES REGARDING A DIRECT REQUEST
7 FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER OR FOREIGN SUPPORT
8 AGREEMENT.

9 25-1336. Registration of convention support order

10 A. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, A PARTY WHO IS AN
11 INDIVIDUAL OR THAT IS A SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SEEKING RECOGNITION OF A
12 CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER SHALL REGISTER THE ORDER IN THIS STATE AS PROVIDED
13 IN ARTICLE 6 OF THIS CHAPTER.

14 B. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 25-1251 AND SECTION 25-1302, SUBSECTION A,
15 A REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION OF A CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
16 BY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

17 1. A COMPLETE TEXT OF THE SUPPORT ORDER OR AN ABSTRACT OR EXTRACT OF
18 THE SUPPORT ORDER DRAWN UP BY THE ISSUING FOREIGN TRIBUNAL, WHICH MAY BE IN
19 THE FORM RECOMMENDED BY THE HAGUE CONFERENCE ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW.

20 2. A RECORD STATING THAT THE SUPPORT ORDER IS ENFORCEABLE IN THE
21 ISSUING COUNTRY.

22 3. IF THE RESPONDENT DID NOT APPEAR AND WAS NOT REPRESENTED IN THE
23 PROCEEDINGS IN THE ISSUING COUNTRY, A RECORD ATTESTING, AS APPROPRIATE,
24 EITHER THAT THE RESPONDENT HAD PROPER NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND AN
25 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR THAT THE RESPONDENT HAD PROPER NOTICE OF THE
26 SUPPORT ORDER AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD IN A CHALLENGE OR APPEAL ON FACT
27 OR LAW BEFORE A TRIBUNAL.

28 4. A RECORD SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF ARREARS, IF ANY, AND THE DATE THE
29 AMOUNT WAS CALCULATED.

30 5. A RECORD SHOWING A REQUIREMENT FOR AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT OF THE
31 AMOUNT OF SUPPORT, IF ANY, AND THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO MAKE THE
32 APPROPRIATE CALCULATIONS.

33 6. IF NECESSARY, A RECORD SHOWING THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE APPLICANT
34 RECEIVED FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN THE ISSUING COUNTRY.

35 C. A REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION OF A CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER MAY SEEK
36 RECOGNITION AND PARTIAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDER.

37 D. A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY VACATE THE REGISTRATION OF A
38 CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER WITHOUT THE FILING OF A CONTEST UNDER SECTION
39 25-1337 ONLY IF, ACTING ON ITS OWN MOTION, THE TRIBUNAL FINDS THAT
40 RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDER WOULD BE MANIFESTLY INCOMPATIBLE
41 WITH PUBLIC POLICY.

42 E. THE TRIBUNAL SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE PARTIES OF THE REGISTRATION
43 OR THE ORDER VACATING THE REGISTRATION OF A CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER.

1 25-1337. Contest of registered convention support order

2 A. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, SECTIONS 25-1305,
3 25-1306, 25-1307 AND 25-1308 APPLY TO A CONTEST OF A REGISTERED CONVENTION
4 SUPPORT ORDER.

5 B. A PARTY CONTESTING A REGISTERED CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER SHALL FILE
6 A CONTEST NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF MAILING OR PERSONAL
7 SERVICE OF THE NOTICE OF THE REGISTRATION, BUT IF THE CONTESTING PARTY DOES
8 NOT RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES, THE CONTESTING PARTY SHALL FILE THE CONTEST
9 NOT LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF MAILING OR PERSONAL SERVICE OF
10 THE NOTICE OF THE REGISTRATION.

11 C. IF THE NONREGISTERING PARTY FAILS TO CONTEST THE REGISTERED
12 CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER BY THE TIME SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS
13 SECTION, THE ORDER IS ENFORCEABLE.

14 D. A CONTEST OF A REGISTERED CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER MAY BE BASED
15 ONLY ON GROUNDS SET FORTH IN SECTION 25-1338. THE CONTESTING PARTY BEARS THE
16 BURDEN OF PROOF.

17 E. IN A CONTEST OF A REGISTERED CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER, A TRIBUNAL
18 OF THIS STATE:

19 1. IS BOUND BY THE FINDINGS OF FACT ON WHICH THE FOREIGN TRIBUNAL
20 BASED ITS JURISDICTION.

21 2. MAY NOT REVIEW THE MERITS OF THE ORDER.

22 F. A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE DECIDING A CONTEST OF A REGISTERED
23 CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE PARTIES OF ITS DECISION.

24 G. A CHALLENGE OR APPEAL, IF ANY, DOES NOT STAY THE ENFORCEMENT OF A
25 CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER UNLESS THERE ARE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

26 25-1338. Recognition and enforcement of registered convention
27 support order

28 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, A TRIBUNAL OF
29 THIS STATE SHALL RECOGNIZE AND ENFORCE A REGISTERED CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER.

30 B. THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS ARE THE ONLY GROUNDS ON WHICH A TRIBUNAL OF
31 THIS STATE MAY REFUSE RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A REGISTERED CONVENTION
32 SUPPORT ORDER:

33 1. RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDER IS MANIFESTLY INCOMPATIBLE
34 WITH PUBLIC POLICY, INCLUDING THE FAILURE OF THE ISSUING TRIBUNAL TO OBSERVE
35 MINIMUM STANDARDS OF DUE PROCESS, WHICH INCLUDE NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO
36 BE HEARD.

37 2. THE ISSUING TRIBUNAL LACKED PERSONAL JURISDICTION CONSISTENT WITH
38 SECTION 25-1221.

39 3. THE ORDER IS NOT ENFORCEABLE IN THE ISSUING COUNTRY.

40 4. THE ORDER WAS OBTAINED BY FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH A MATTER OF
41 PROCEDURE.

42 5. A RECORD TRANSMITTED UNDER SECTION 25-1336 LACKS AUTHENTICITY OR
43 INTEGRITY.

1 6. A PROCEEDING BETWEEN THE SAME PARTIES AND HAVING THE SAME PURPOSE
2 IS PENDING BEFORE A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE AND THAT PROCEEDING WAS THE FIRST
3 TO BE FILED.

4 7. THE ORDER IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH A MORE RECENT SUPPORT ORDER
5 INVOLVING THE SAME PARTIES AND HAVING THE SAME PURPOSE IF THE MORE RECENT
6 SUPPORT ORDER IS ENTITLED TO RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT UNDER THIS CHAPTER
7 IN THIS STATE.

8 8. PAYMENT, TO THE EXTENT ALLEGED ARREARS HAVE BEEN PAID IN WHOLE OR
9 IN PART.

10 9. IN A CASE IN WHICH THE RESPONDENT DID NOT APPEAR OR WAS NOT
11 REPRESENTED IN THE PROCEEDING IN THE ISSUING FOREIGN COUNTRY:

12 (a) IF THE LAW OF THAT COUNTRY PROVIDES FOR PRIOR NOTICE OF
13 PROCEEDINGS, THE RESPONDENT DID NOT HAVE PROPER NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND
14 AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

15 (b) IF THE LAW OF THAT COUNTRY DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR PRIOR NOTICE OF
16 THE PROCEEDINGS, THE RESPONDENT DID NOT HAVE PROPER NOTICE OF THE ORDER AND
17 AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD IN A CHALLENGE OR APPEAL ON FACT OR LAW BEFORE A
18 TRIBUNAL.

19 10. THE ORDER WAS MADE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 25-1341.

20 C. IF A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE A CONVENTION SUPPORT
21 ORDER UNDER SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 2, 4 OR 9 OF THIS SECTION:

22 1. THE TRIBUNAL MAY NOT DISMISS THE PROCEEDING WITHOUT ALLOWING A
23 REASONABLE TIME FOR A PARTY TO REQUEST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CONVENTION
24 SUPPORT ORDER.

25 2. THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY SHALL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE
26 MEASURES TO REQUEST A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER FOR THE OBLIGEE IF THE APPLICATION
27 FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT WAS RECEIVED UNDER SECTION 25-1337.

28 25-1339. Partial enforcement

29 IF A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE AND ENFORCE A CONVENTION
30 SUPPORT ORDER IN ITS ENTIRETY, IT SHALL ENFORCE ANY SEVERABLE PART OF THE
31 ORDER. AN APPLICATION OR DIRECT REQUEST MAY SEEK RECOGNITION AND PARTIAL
32 ENFORCEMENT OF A CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER.

33 25-1340. Foreign support agreement

34 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS C AND D OF THIS SECTION, A
35 TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE SHALL RECOGNIZE AND ENFORCE A FOREIGN SUPPORT
36 AGREEMENT REGISTERED IN THIS STATE.

37 B. AN APPLICATION OR DIRECT REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF
38 A FOREIGN SUPPORT AGREEMENT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

39 1. A COMPLETE TEXT OF THE FOREIGN SUPPORT AGREEMENT.

40 2. A RECORD STATING THAT THE FOREIGN SUPPORT AGREEMENT IS ENFORCEABLE
41 AS AN ORDER OF SUPPORT IN THE ISSUING COUNTRY.

42 C. A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY VACATE THE REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN
43 SUPPORT AGREEMENT ONLY IF, ACTING ON ITS OWN MOTION, THE TRIBUNAL FINDS THAT
44 RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT WOULD BE MANIFESTLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH PUBLIC
45 POLICY.

1 D. IN A CONTEST OF A FOREIGN SUPPORT AGREEMENT, A TRIBUNAL OF THIS
2 STATE MAY REFUSE RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT IF IT FINDS ANY
3 OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 1. RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT IS MANIFESTLY
5 INCOMPATIBLE WITH PUBLIC POLICY.

6 2. THE AGREEMENT WAS OBTAINED BY FRAUD OR FALSIFICATION.

7 3. THE AGREEMENT IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH A SUPPORT ORDER INVOLVING THE
8 SAME PARTIES AND HAVING THE SAME PURPOSE IN THIS STATE, ANOTHER STATE OR A
9 FOREIGN COUNTRY IF THE SUPPORT ORDER IS ENTITLED TO RECOGNITION AND
10 ENFORCEMENT UNDER THIS CHAPTER IN THIS STATE.

11 4. THE RECORD SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION LACKS
12 AUTHENTICITY OR INTEGRITY.

13 E. A PROCEEDING FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A FOREIGN SUPPORT
14 AGREEMENT MUST BE SUSPENDED DURING THE PENDENCY OF A CHALLENGE TO OR APPEAL
15 OF THE AGREEMENT BEFORE A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

16 25-1341. Modification of convention child support order

17 A. A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY NOT MODIFY A CONVENTION CHILD SUPPORT
18 ORDER IF THE OBLIGEE REMAINS A RESIDENT OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRY WHERE THE
19 SUPPORT ORDER WAS ISSUED UNLESS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

20 1. THE OBLIGEE SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF A TRIBUNAL OF THIS
21 STATE, EITHER EXPRESSLY OR BY DEFENDING ON THE MERITS OF THE CASE WITHOUT
22 OBJECTING TO THE JURISDICTION AT THE FIRST AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.

23 2. THE FOREIGN TRIBUNAL LACKS OR REFUSES TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION TO
24 MODIFY ITS SUPPORT ORDER OR ISSUE A NEW SUPPORT ORDER.

25 B. IF A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE DOES NOT MODIFY A CONVENTION CHILD
26 SUPPORT ORDER BECAUSE THE ORDER IS NOT RECOGNIZED IN THIS STATE, SECTION
27 25-1338, SUBSECTION C APPLIES.

28 25-1342. Personal information; limit on use

29 PERSONAL INFORMATION GATHERED OR TRANSMITTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY BE
30 USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT WAS GATHERED OR TRANSMITTED.

31 25-1343. Record in original language; English translation

32 A RECORD FILED WITH A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE UNDER THIS ARTICLE MUST BE
33 IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE AND, IF NOT IN ENGLISH, MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN
34 ENGLISH TRANSLATION.

35 Sec. 49. Uniformity of application and construction

36 In applying and construing this uniform act, consideration must be
37 given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its
38 subject matter among states that enact it.

39 Sec. 50. Severability

40 If any provision of this act or its application to any person or
41 circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions
42 or applications of this act that can be given effect without the invalid
43 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
44 severable.