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SENATE BILL 1313

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 OR FOREIGN COUNTRY in which the child lived from birth with any of
42 them. A period of temporary absence of any of them is counted as part of the
43 six month or other 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, PAYOR or other debtor to withhold
6 support 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.

1 18. "OUTSIDE THIS STATE" MEANS A LOCATION IN ANOTHER STATE OR A
2 COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES, WHETHER OR NOT THE COUNTRY IS A FOREIGN
3 COUNTRY.

4 ~~14.~~ 19. "Person" ~~has the same meaning prescribed in section 1-215~~
5 MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, BUSINESS TRUST, ESTATE, TRUST, PARTNERSHIP,
6 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ASSOCIATION, JOINT VENTURE, PUBLIC CORPORATION,
7 GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION, AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY, OR ANY
8 OTHER LEGAL OR COMMERCIAL ENTITY.

9 ~~15.~~ 20. "Petition" includes a complaint.

10 ~~16.~~ 21. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible
11 medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and that is
12 retrievable in perceivable form.

13 ~~17.~~ 22. "Register" means to file IN A TRIBUNAL IN THIS STATE a support
14 order or judgment ~~determining THAT DETERMINES~~ parentage ~~in superior court OF~~
15 A CHILD AND THAT IS ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

16 ~~18.~~ 23. "Registering tribunal" means a tribunal in which a support
17 order OR A JUDGMENT DETERMINING PARENTAGE OF A CHILD is registered.

18 ~~19.~~ 24. "Responding state" means a state in which a ~~proceeding~~
19 PETITION OR COMPARABLE PLEADING FOR SUPPORT OR DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE is
20 filed or to which a ~~proceeding~~ PETITION OR COMPARABLE PLEADING is forwarded
21 for filing from ~~an initiating~~ ANOTHER state ~~under this chapter or a law~~
22 ~~substantially similar to this chapter~~ OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

23 ~~20.~~ 25. "Responding tribunal" means the authorized tribunal in a
24 responding state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

25 ~~21.~~ 26. "Spousal support order" means a support order for a spouse or
26 former spouse of the obligor.

27 ~~22.~~ 27. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of
28 Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands or any territory or
29 insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. State
30 includes ~~←~~

31 ~~(a)~~ an Indian NATION OR tribe.

32 ~~(b)~~ A foreign country or political subdivision that has:

33 ~~(i)~~ Been declared to be a foreign reciprocating country or political
34 subdivision under federal law.

35 ~~(ii)~~ Established a reciprocal arrangement for child support with this
36 state pursuant to section 25-1248.

37 ~~(iii)~~ Enacted a law or established procedures for issuance and
38 enforcement of support orders that are substantially similar to the
39 procedures under this chapter.

40 ~~23.~~ 28. "Support enforcement agency" means a public official ~~or~~,
41 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR PRIVATE agency authorized to ~~seek~~ DO ANY OF THE
42 FOLLOWING:

43 (a) SEEK the enforcement of support orders or laws relating to the
44 duty of support.

- 1 (b) SEEK the establishment or modification of child support.
- 2 (c) ~~The~~ REQUEST A determination of parentage.
- 3 (d) ~~The location of~~ ATTEMPT TO LOCATE obligors or their assets.
- 4 (e) REQUEST a determination of the controlling child support order.

5 ~~24.~~ 29. "Support order" means a judgment, decree, order, DECISION or
6 directive, whether temporary, final or subject to modification, ISSUED IN A
7 STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY for the benefit of a child, a spouse or a former
8 spouse, that provides for monetary support, health care, arrearages,
9 RETROACTIVE SUPPORT or reimbursement ~~and that~~ FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
10 PROVIDED TO AN INDIVIDUAL OBLIGEE IN PLACE OF CHILD SUPPORT. SUPPORT ORDER
11 may include related costs and fees, interest, income withholding, AUTOMATIC
12 ADJUSTMENT, REASONABLE attorney fees and other relief.

13 ~~25.~~ 30. "Tribunal" means a court, administrative agency or
14 quasi-judicial entity authorized to establish, enforce or modify support
15 orders or to determine parentage OF A CHILD.

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

18 25-1203. State tribunal and support enforcement agency

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

20 B. THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY IS THE SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
21 AGENCY OF THIS STATE.

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

23 25-1204. Remedies cumulative

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

28 B. This chapter does not:

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

31 2. Grant a tribunal of this state jurisdiction to render judgment or
32 issue an order relating to ~~access~~ LEGAL DECISION-MAKING and parenting times
33 in a proceeding under this chapter.

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

36 25-1205. Application of chapter to resident of foreign country
37 and foreign support proceeding

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

41 1. A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER.

42 2. A FOREIGN TRIBUNAL.

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

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

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

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

9 25-1221. Bases for jurisdiction over nonresident

10 A. In a proceeding to establish or enforce a support order or to
11 determine parentage OF A CHILD, a tribunal of this state may exercise
12 personal jurisdiction over a nonresident individual or the individual's
13 guardian or conservator if any of the following is true:

14 1. The individual is personally served within this state.

15 2. The individual submits to the jurisdiction of this state by consent
16 IN A RECORD, by entering a general appearance or by filing a responsive
17 document having the effect of waiving any contest to personal jurisdiction.

18 3. The individual resided with the child in this state.

19 4. The individual resided in this state and provided prenatal expenses
20 or support for the child.

21 5. The child resides in this state as a result of the acts or
22 directives of the individual.

23 6. The individual engaged in sexual intercourse in this state and the
24 child may have been conceived by that act of intercourse.

25 7. The individual asserted parentage OF A CHILD on a birth certificate
26 filed in this state.

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

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

35 Sec. 6. Section 25-1223, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36 25-1223. Initiating and responding tribunal of state

37 Under this chapter, a tribunal of this state may serve as an initiating
38 tribunal to forward proceedings to A TRIBUNAL OF another state and as a
39 responding tribunal for proceedings initiated in another state OR A FOREIGN
40 COUNTRY.

41 Sec. 7. Section 25-1224, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42 25-1224. Simultaneous proceedings

43 A. A tribunal of this state may exercise jurisdiction to establish a
44 support order if the petition or comparable pleading is filed after a

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

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

7 2. The contesting party timely challenges the exercise of jurisdiction
8 in the other state OR THE FOREIGN COUNTRY.

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

10 B. A tribunal of this state may not exercise jurisdiction to establish
11 a support order if the petition or comparable pleading is filed before a
12 petition or comparable pleading is filed in another state OR A FOREIGN
13 COUNTRY if all of the following are true:

14 1. The petition or comparable pleading in the other state OR THE
15 FOREIGN COUNTRY is filed before the expiration of the time allowed in this
16 state for filing a responsive pleading challenging the exercise of
17 jurisdiction by this state.

18 2. The contesting party timely challenges the exercise of jurisdiction
19 in this state.

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

22 Sec. 8. Section 25-1226, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

23 25-1226. Continuing jurisdiction to enforce child support order

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

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

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

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

35 Sec. 9. Section 25-1227, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36 25-1227. Determination of controlling child support order

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

40 B. If a proceeding is brought under this chapter and two or more child
41 support orders have been issued by tribunals in this state, ~~or~~ another state
42 OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY with regard to the same obligor and the same child, a
43 tribunal of this state having personal jurisdiction over both the obligor and

1 individual obligee shall apply the following rules and by order shall
2 determine which order controls **AND MUST BE RECOGNIZED**:

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

6 2. If more than one of the tribunals would have continuing, exclusive
7 jurisdiction under this chapter, an order issued by a tribunal in the current
8 home state of the child is controlling. If an order has not been issued in
9 the current home state of the child, the order most recently issued is
10 controlling.

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

14 C. If two or more child support orders have been issued for the same
15 obligor and the same child, on request of a party ~~that~~ **WHO** is an individual
16 or **THAT IS** a support enforcement agency, a tribunal of this state having
17 personal jurisdiction over both the obligor and the obligee who is an
18 individual shall determine which order controls under subsection B of this
19 section. The request may be filed with a registration for enforcement or
20 registration for modification pursuant to article 6 of this chapter **OR MAY BE**
21 **FILED AS A SEPARATE PROCEEDING**.

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

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

29 F. A tribunal of this state that determines the order that is the
30 controlling ~~child~~ support order under subsection B, paragraph 1 or 2 of this
31 section or subsection C of this section or that issues a new controlling
32 ~~child~~ support order under subsection B, paragraph 3 of this section shall
33 state in that order:

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

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

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

39 G. Within thirty days after issuance of an order determining **WHICH IS**
40 the controlling order, the party obtaining the order shall file a certified
41 copy of the order in each tribunal that had issued or registered an earlier
42 order of child support. A party or support enforcement agency that obtains
43 the controlling order but fails to file a certified copy is subject to
44 appropriate sanctions by a tribunal in which the issue of failure to file

1 arises. The failure to file does not affect the validity or enforceability
2 of the controlling order.

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

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

9 25-1228. Child support orders for two or more obligees

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

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

18 25-1229. Credit for payments

19 A tribunal of this state shall credit amounts collected for a
20 particular period pursuant to any child support order against the amounts
21 owed for the same period under any other child support order for support of
22 the same child issued by a tribunal of this state, ~~or any other~~ ANOTHER state
23 OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

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

26 25-1230. Application of chapter to nonresident subject to
27 personal jurisdiction

28 A tribunal of this state exercising personal jurisdiction over a
29 nonresident in a proceeding under this chapter or other laws of this state
30 relating to a support order, or recognizing a FOREIGN support order ~~of a~~
31 ~~foreign country or political subdivision on the basis of comity~~, may receive
32 evidence from ~~another~~ OUTSIDE THIS state pursuant to section 25-1256,
33 communicate with a tribunal ~~of another~~ OUTSIDE THIS state pursuant to section
34 25-1257 and obtain discovery through a tribunal ~~of another~~ OUTSIDE THIS state
35 pursuant to section 25-1258. In all other respects, articles 3, ~~through 7~~ 4,
36 5 AND 6 of this chapter do not apply and the tribunal shall apply the
37 procedural and substantive law of this state.

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

40 25-1231. Continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify spousal
41 support order

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

1 B. A tribunal of this state may not modify a spousal support order
2 issued by a tribunal of another state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY having continuing,
3 exclusive jurisdiction over that order under the laws of that state OR
4 FOREIGN COUNTRY.

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

7 1. An initiating tribunal TO REQUEST A TRIBUNAL of another state to
8 enforce the spousal support order issued in ~~that~~ THIS state.

9 2. A responding tribunal to enforce or modify its own spousal support
10 order.

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

13 25-1241. Proceedings under this chapter

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

16 B. An individual petitioner or a support enforcement agency may
17 initiate a proceeding authorized under this chapter by filing a petition in
18 an initiating tribunal for forwarding to a responding tribunal or by filing a
19 petition or a comparable pleading directly in a tribunal of another state OR
20 A FOREIGN COUNTRY that has or can obtain personal jurisdiction over the
21 respondent.

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

24 25-1244. Duties of initiating tribunal

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

28 1. To the responding tribunal or the appropriate support enforcement
29 agency in the responding state.

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

33 B. If requested by the responding tribunal, a tribunal of this state
34 shall issue ~~any~~ A certificate or other document and may make findings
35 required by the law of the responding state. If the responding ~~state~~
36 TRIBUNAL is IN a foreign country ~~or political subdivision~~, on request the
37 tribunal OF THIS STATE shall specify the amount of support sought, convert
38 that amount into the equivalent amount in the foreign currency under
39 applicable official or market exchange rate as publicly reported, and provide
40 any other documents necessary to satisfy the requirements of the responding
41 ~~state~~ FOREIGN TRIBUNAL.

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

3 25-1245. Duties and powers of responding tribunal

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

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

10 1. ~~Issue~~ ESTABLISH or enforce a support order, modify a child support
11 order, determine the controlling child support order or determine parentage
12 OF A CHILD.

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

15 3. Order income withholding.

16 4. Determine the amount of any arrearages and specify a method of
17 payment.

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

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

20 7. Place liens and order execution on the obligor's property.

21 8. Order an obligor to keep the tribunal informed of the obligor's
22 current residential address, E-MAIL ADDRESS, telephone number, employer,
23 address of employment and telephone number at the place of employment.

24 9. Issue a ~~civil~~ CHILD SUPPORT arrest warrant for an obligor who has
25 failed after proper notice to appear at a hearing ordered by the tribunal and
26 enter the ~~civil~~ CHILD SUPPORT arrest warrant in any local and state computer
27 systems for criminal warrants.

28 10. Order the obligor to seek appropriate employment by specified
29 methods.

30 11. Award reasonable attorney fees and other fees and costs.

31 12. Grant any other available remedy.

32 C. A responding tribunal of this state shall include in a support
33 order issued under this chapter or in the documents accompanying the order
34 the calculations on which the support order is based.

35 D. A responding tribunal of this state may not condition the payment
36 of a support order issued under this chapter on compliance by a party with
37 provisions for visitation.

38 E. If a responding tribunal of this state issues an order under this
39 chapter, the tribunal shall send a copy of the order to the petitioner and
40 the respondent and to the initiating tribunal, if any.

41 F. If requested to enforce a support order, arrears or judgment or
42 modify a support order stated in a foreign currency, a responding tribunal of
43 this state shall convert the amount stated in the foreign currency to the

1 equivalent amount in dollars under the applicable official or market exchange
2 rate as publicly reported.

3 Sec. 17. Section 25-1247, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
4 read:

5 25-1247. Duties of support enforcement agency

6 A. IN A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS CHAPTER, a support enforcement agency of
7 this state, on request: ~~;~~

8 1. Shall provide services to a petitioner ~~in a proceeding under this~~
9 ~~chapter~~ THAT RESIDES IN A STATE.

10 2. SHALL PROVIDE SERVICES TO A PETITIONER THAT REQUESTS SERVICES
11 THROUGH A CENTRAL AUTHORITY OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY DESCRIBED IN SECTION
12 25-1202, PARAGRAPH 5, SUBDIVISION (a) OR (d).

13 3. MAY PROVIDE SERVICES TO A PETITIONER WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL NOT
14 RESIDING IN A STATE.

15 B. A support enforcement agency of this state that is providing
16 services to the petitioner shall:

17 1. Take all steps necessary to enable an appropriate tribunal ~~in~~ OF
18 this state, ~~or~~ another state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY to obtain jurisdiction over
19 the respondent.

20 2. Request an appropriate tribunal to set a date, time and place for a
21 hearing.

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

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

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

32 6. Notify the petitioner if jurisdiction over the respondent cannot be
33 obtained.

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

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

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

41 D. A support enforcement agency of this state that requests
42 registration and enforcement of a support order, arrears or judgment stated
43 in a foreign currency shall convert the amounts stated in the foreign

1 currency into the equivalent amounts in dollars under the applicable official
2 or market exchange rate as publicly reported.

3 E. A support enforcement agency of this state shall request a tribunal
4 of this state to issue a child support order and an income withholding order
5 that redirect payment of current support, arrears and interest if requested
6 to do so by a support enforcement agency of another state pursuant to section
7 25-1259.

8 F. This chapter does not create or negate a relationship of attorney
9 and client or other fiduciary relationship between a support enforcement
10 agency or the attorney for the agency and the individual being assisted by
11 the agency.

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

14 25-1248. Duty of the attorney general

15 A. If the attorney general determines that the support enforcement
16 agency is neglecting or refusing to provide services to an individual, the
17 attorney general may order the agency to perform its duties under this
18 chapter or may provide those services directly to the individual.

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

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

25 25-1250. Duties of department of economic security

26 A. The department of economic security is the state information agency
27 under this chapter.

28 B. The department shall:

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

33 2. Maintain a register **OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES** of tribunals and support
34 enforcement agencies received from other states.

35 3. Forward to the appropriate tribunal in the county in this state in
36 which the obligee **WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL** or the obligor resides, or in which
37 the obligor's property is believed to be located, all documents concerning a
38 proceeding under this chapter received from ~~an initiating tribunal or the~~
39 **ANOTHER** state ~~information agency of the initiating state~~ **OR A FOREIGN**
40 **COUNTRY**.

41 4. Obtain information concerning the location of the obligor and the
42 obligor's property within this state not exempt from execution, by such means
43 as postal verification, federal or state locator services, examination of
44 telephone directories, requests for the obligor's address from employers and

1 examination of governmental records, including to the extent not prohibited
2 by other law those relating to real property, vital statistics, law
3 enforcement, taxation, motor vehicles, driver licenses and social security.

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

6 25-1251. Pleadings and accompanying documents

7 A. In a proceeding under this chapter, a petitioner seeking to
8 establish a support order, determine parentage OF A CHILD or register and
9 modify a support order OF A TRIBUNAL of another state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY
10 must file a petition. Unless otherwise ordered under section 25-1252, the
11 petition or accompanying documents shall provide, as far as known, the name,
12 residential address and social security number of the obligor and the obligee
13 OR THE PARENT AND ALLEGED PARENT and the name, sex, residential address,
14 social security number and date of birth of each child for whose benefit
15 support is sought or whose parentage is to be determined. Any social
16 security numbers may be redacted and filed separately pursuant to section
17 25-501, subsection G. Unless filed at the time of registration, the petition
18 must be accompanied by a copy of any support order known to have been issued
19 by another tribunal. The petition may include any other information that may
20 assist in locating or identifying the respondent.

21 B. The petition shall specify the relief sought. The petition and
22 accompanying documents shall conform substantially with the requirements
23 imposed by the forms mandated by federal law for use in cases filed by a
24 support enforcement agency.

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

27 25-1253. Costs and fees

28 A. The petitioner ~~shall not~~ MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO pay a filing fee or
29 other costs.

30 B. If an obligee prevails, a responding tribunal OF THIS STATE may
31 assess against an obligor filing fees, reasonable attorney fees, other costs
32 and necessary travel and other reasonable expenses incurred by the obligee
33 and the obligee's witnesses. The tribunal shall not assess fees, costs or
34 expenses against the obligee or the support enforcement agency of either the
35 initiating or the responding state OR FOREIGN COUNTRY, except as provided by
36 other law. Attorney fees may be taxed as costs and may be ordered paid
37 directly to the attorney, who may enforce the order in the attorney's own
38 name. Payment of support owed to the obligee has priority over fees, costs
39 and expenses.

40 C. The tribunal shall order the payment of costs and reasonable
41 attorney fees if it determines that a hearing was requested primarily for
42 delay. In a proceeding under article 6 of this chapter for the enforcement
43 and modification of a support order after registration, a hearing is presumed

1 to have been requested primarily for delay if a registered support order is
2 confirmed or enforced without change.

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

5 25-1256. Special rules of evidence and procedure

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

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

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

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

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

28 F. In a proceeding under this chapter, a tribunal of this state shall
29 permit a party or witness residing ~~in another~~ **OUTSIDE THIS** state to be
30 deposed or to testify **UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY** by telephone, audiovisual
31 means or other electronic means at a designated tribunal or other location ~~in~~
32 ~~that state~~. A tribunal of this state shall cooperate with **OTHER** tribunals ~~of~~
33 ~~other states~~ in designating an appropriate location for the deposition or
34 testimony.

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

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

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

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

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

3 25-1257. Communications between tribunals

4 A tribunal of this state may communicate with a tribunal ~~of another~~
5 ~~OUTSIDE THIS~~ state ~~or a foreign country or political subdivision~~ in a record
6 or by telephone, E-MAIL or other means to obtain information concerning the
7 laws, the legal effect of a judgment, decree or order of that tribunal and
8 the status of a proceeding ~~in the other state or the foreign country or~~
9 ~~political subdivision~~. A tribunal of this state may furnish similar
10 information by similar means to a tribunal ~~of another~~ ~~OUTSIDE THIS~~ state ~~or a~~
11 ~~foreign country or political subdivision~~.

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

14 25-1258. Assistance with discovery

15 A tribunal of this state may:

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

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

21 Sec. 25. Section 25-1259, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
22 read:

23 25-1259. Receipt and disbursement of payments

24 A. A support enforcement agency or tribunal of this state shall
25 disburse promptly any amounts received pursuant to a support order, as
26 directed by the order. The agency or tribunal shall furnish to a requesting
27 party or tribunal of another state ~~OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY~~ a certified statement
28 by the custodian of the record of the amounts and dates of all payments
29 received.

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

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

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

38 C. The support enforcement agency of this state receiving redirected
39 payments from another state pursuant to a law similar to subsection B shall
40 furnish to a requesting party or tribunal of the other state a certified
41 statement by the custodian of the record of the amount and dates of all
42 payments received.

1 Sec. 26. Heading change

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

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

7 25-1271. Establishment of support order

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

11 1. The individual seeking the order resides ~~in another~~ **OUTSIDE THIS**
12 state.

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

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

18 1. A presumed father of the child.

19 2. Petitioning to have his paternity adjudicated.

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

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

22 5. Shown by clear and convincing evidence to be the father of the
23 child.

24 6. An acknowledged father as provided pursuant to section ~~36-322~~
25 **36-334**.

26 7. The mother of the child.

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

29 C. On finding, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, that an
30 obligor owes a duty of support, the tribunal shall issue a support order
31 directed to the obligor and may issue other orders pursuant to section
32 25-1245.

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

35 25-1272. Proceeding to determine parentage of a child

36 **A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE AUTHORIZED TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE OF A CHILD**
37 **MAY SERVE AS A RESPONDING TRIBUNAL IN A PROCEEDING TO DETERMINE THE PARENTAGE**
38 **OF A CHILD BROUGHT UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR A LAW OR PROCEDURE SUBSTANTIALLY**
39 **SIMILAR TO THIS CHAPTER.**

40 Sec. 29. Heading change

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

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

3 25-1284. Immunity from civil liability

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

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

10 25-1285. Penalties for noncompliance

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

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

17 25-1287. Administrative enforcement of orders

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

22 B. On receipt of the documents, the support enforcement agency,
23 without initially seeking to register the order, shall consider and, if
24 appropriate, use any administrative procedure authorized by the laws of this
25 state to enforce a support order or an income withholding order, or both. If
26 the obligor does not contest administrative enforcement, the order need not
27 be registered. If the obligor contests the validity or administrative
28 enforcement of the order, the support enforcement agency shall register the
29 order pursuant to this chapter.

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

32 25-1301. Registration of order for enforcement

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

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

38 25-1302. Procedure to register order for enforcement

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

43 1. A letter of transmittal to the tribunal requesting registration and
44 enforcement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 C. A PETITION OR COMPARABLE PLEADING SEEKING A REMEDY THAT MUST BE
22 AFFIRMATIVELY SOUGHT UNDER OTHER LAW OF THIS STATE MAY BE FILED AT THE SAME
23 TIME AS THE REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION OR LATER. THE PLEADING MUST SPECIFY THE
24 GROUNDS FOR THE REMEDY SOUGHT.

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

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

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

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

31 ~~D.~~ E. A request for a determination of which is the controlling order
32 may be filed separately or with a request for registration and enforcement or
33 for registration and modification. The person requesting registration shall
34 give notice of the request to each party whose rights may be affected by the
35 determination.

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

38 25-1303. Effect of registration for enforcement

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

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

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

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

6 25-1304. Choice of law

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

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

11 2. The computation and payment of arrearages and accrual of interest
12 on the arrearages under the SUPPORT order.

13 3. The existence and satisfaction of other obligations under the
14 support order.

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

18 C. A responding tribunal of this state shall apply the procedures and
19 remedies of this state to enforce current support and collect arrears and
20 interest due on a support order of another state OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY
21 registered in this state.

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

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

29 25-1305. Notice of registration of order

30 A. When a support order or income withholding order issued in another
31 state OR A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER is registered, the registering tribunal OF
32 THIS STATE shall notify the nonregistering party. Notice shall be given by
33 first class or registered mail or by any means of personal service authorized
34 by the law of this state. The notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the
35 registered order and the documents and relevant information accompanying the
36 order.

37 B. A notice shall inform the nonregistering party:

38 1. That a registered order is enforceable as of the date of
39 registration in the same manner as an order issued by a tribunal of this
40 state.

41 2. That a hearing to contest the validity or enforcement of the
42 registered order must be requested within twenty days after the date of
43 mailing or personal service of the notice, UNLESS THE REGISTERED ORDER IS
44 UNDER SECTION 25-1337.

1 3. That failure to contest the validity or enforcement of the
2 registered order in a timely manner will result in confirmation of the order
3 and enforcement of the order and the alleged arrearages and precludes further
4 contest of that order with respect to any matter that could have been
5 asserted.

6 4. Of the amount of any alleged arrearages.

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

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

12 2. Notify the nonregistering party of the right to a determination of
13 which is the controlling order.

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

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

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

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

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

27 A. A nonregistering party seeking to contest the validity or
28 enforcement of a registered **SUPPORT** order in this state shall request a
29 hearing within ~~twenty days after the date of mailing or personal service of~~
30 ~~notice of the registration~~ **THE TIME REQUIRED BY SECTION 25-1305**. The
31 nonregistering party may seek to vacate the registration, to assert any
32 defense to an allegation of noncompliance with the registered order or to
33 contest the remedies being sought or the amount of any alleged arrearages
34 pursuant to section 25-1307.

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

38 C. If a nonregistering party requests a hearing to contest the
39 validity or enforcement of the registered **SUPPORT** order, the registering
40 tribunal shall schedule the matter for a hearing and give notice to the
41 parties by first class mail of the date, time and place of the hearing.

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

3 25-1307. Contest of registration or enforcement

4 A. A party contesting the validity or enforcement of a registered
5 SUPPORT order or seeking to vacate the registration has the burden of proving
6 one or more of the following defenses:

7 1. The issuing tribunal lacked personal jurisdiction over the
8 contesting party.

9 2. The order was obtained by fraud.

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

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

12 5. There is a defense under the law of this state to the remedy
13 sought.

14 6. Full or partial payment has been made.

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

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

18 B. If a party presents evidence establishing a full or partial defense
19 under subsection A of this section, a tribunal may stay enforcement of ~~the A~~
20 registered SUPPORT order, continue the proceeding to permit production of
21 additional relevant evidence and issue other appropriate orders. An
22 uncontested portion of the registered SUPPORT order may be enforced by all
23 remedies available under the laws of this state.

24 C. If the contesting party does not establish a defense under
25 subsection A of this section to the validity or enforcement of ~~the A~~
26 REGISTERED SUPPORT order, the registering tribunal shall issue an order
27 confirming the order.

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

30 25-1308. Confirmed order

31 Confirmation of a registered SUPPORT order, whether by operation of law
32 or after notice and a hearing, precludes further contest of the order with
33 respect to any matter that could have been asserted at the time of
34 registration.

35 Sec. 41. Section 25-1309, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
36 read:

37 25-1309. Procedure to register child support order of another
38 state for modification

39 A party or support enforcement agency seeking to modify, or to modify
40 and enforce, a child support order issued in another state shall register
41 that order in this state in the same manner as provided in ~~this article~~
42 SECTIONS 25-1301, 25-1302, 25-1303, 25-1304, 25-1305, 25-1306, 25-1307 AND
43 25-1308 if the order has not been registered. A petition for modification

1 may be filed at the same time as a request for registration or later. The
2 pleading shall specify the grounds for modification.

3 Sec. 42. Section 25-1310, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
4 read:

5 25-1310. Effect of registration for modification

6 A tribunal of this state may enforce a child support order of another
7 state registered for purposes of modification in the same manner as if the
8 order had been issued by a tribunal of this state, but the registered **SUPPORT**
9 order may be modified only if the requirements of section 25-1311, ~~OR~~
10 25-1313 ~~or 25-1315 of this section~~ have been met.

11 Sec. 43. Section 25-1311, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
12 read:

13 25-1311. Modification of child support order of another state

14 A. If section 25-1313 does not apply ~~and except as provided in section~~
15 ~~25-1315~~, on petition, a tribunal of this state may modify a child support
16 order issued in another state that is registered in this state if, after
17 notice and a hearing, it finds that any of the following is true:

18 1. The following requirements are met:

19 (a) Neither the child, the obligee who is an individual nor the
20 obligor resides in the issuing state.

21 (b) A petitioner who is a nonresident of this state seeks
22 modification.

23 (c) The respondent is subject to the personal jurisdiction of the
24 tribunal of this state.

25 2. This state is the ~~state of~~ residence of the child, or a party who
26 is an individual is subject to the personal jurisdiction of the tribunal of
27 this state, and all of the parties who are individuals have filed consents in
28 ~~the A~~ record in the issuing tribunal for a tribunal of this state to modify
29 the support order and assume continuing, exclusive jurisdiction.

30 B. Modification of a registered child support order is subject to the
31 same requirements, procedures and defenses that apply to the modification of
32 an order issued by a tribunal of this state, and the order may be enforced
33 and satisfied in the same manner.

34 C. ~~Except as otherwise provided in section 25-1315~~, A tribunal of this
35 state may not modify any aspect of a child support order that may not be
36 modified under the laws of the issuing state, including the duration of the
37 obligation of support. If two or more tribunals have issued child support
38 orders for the same obligor and **SAME** child, the order that ~~is controlling~~
39 **CONTROLS** and **MUST BE** recognized under section 25-1227 establishes the aspects
40 of the support order that are nonmodifiable.

41 D. In a proceeding to modify a child support order, the law of the
42 state that is determined to have issued the initial controlling order governs
43 the duration of the obligation of support. The obligor's fulfillment of the

1 duty of support established by that order precludes imposition of a further
2 obligation of support by a tribunal of this state.

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

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

- 9 1. ONE PARTY RESIDES IN ANOTHER STATE.
- 10 2. THE OTHER PARTY RESIDES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

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

13 25-1315. Jurisdiction to modify child support order of foreign
14 country

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

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

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

29 25-1316. Procedure to register child support order of foreign
30 country for modification

31 A PARTY OR SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SEEKING TO MODIFY, OR TO MODIFY
32 AND ENFORCE, A FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDER NOT UNDER THE CONVENTION MAY
33 REGISTER THAT ORDER IN THIS STATE IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS
34 25-1301, 25-1302, 25-1303, 25-1304, 25-1305, 25-1306, 25-1307 AND 25-1308 IF
35 THE ORDER HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED. A PETITION FOR MODIFICATION MAY BE FILED
36 AT THE SAME TIME AS A REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION, OR AT ANOTHER TIME. THE
37 PETITION MUST SPECIFY THE GROUNDS FOR MODIFICATION.

38 Sec. 46. Repeal

39 Title 25, chapter 9, article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

40 Sec. 47. Renumber

41 The following sections are renumbered:

<u>Former Sections</u>	<u>New Sections</u>
42 25-1341	25-1361
43 25-1342	25-1362
44	

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

3 ARTICLE 7. SUPPORT PROCEEDING UNDER CONVENTION

4 25-1331. Definitions

5 IN THIS ARTICLE:

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

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

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

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

17 5. "FOREIGN CENTRAL AUTHORITY" MEANS THE ENTITY DESIGNATED BY A
18 FOREIGN COUNTRY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25-1202 TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS
19 SPECIFIED IN THE CONVENTION.

20 6. "FOREIGN SUPPORT AGREEMENT":

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

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

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

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

28 (b) INCLUDES A MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENT OR AUTHENTIC INSTRUMENT UNDER
29 THE CONVENTION.

30 7. "UNITED STATES CENTRAL AUTHORITY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED
31 STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

32 25-1332. Applicability

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

36 25-1333. Relationship of department of economic security to
37 United States central authority

38 THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY IS RECOGNIZED AS THE AGENCY
39 DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CENTRAL AUTHORITY TO PERFORM SPECIFIC
40 FUNCTIONS UNDER THE CONVENTION.

41 25-1334. Initiation by department of economic security of
42 support proceeding under convention

43 A. IN A SUPPORT PROCEEDING UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF
44 ECONOMIC SECURITY SHALL DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 1. TRANSMIT AND RECEIVE APPLICATIONS.
2 2. INITIATE OR FACILITATE THE INSTITUTION OF A PROCEEDING REGARDING AN
3 APPLICATION IN A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE.
4 B. THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT PROCEEDINGS ARE AVAILABLE TO AN OBLIGEE UNDER
5 THE CONVENTION:
6 1. RECOGNITION OR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A FOREIGN SUPPORT
7 ORDER.
8 2. ENFORCEMENT OF A SUPPORT ORDER ISSUED OR RECOGNIZED IN THIS STATE.
9 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPPORT ORDER IF THERE IS NO EXISTING ORDER,
10 INCLUDING, IF NECESSARY, A DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE OF A CHILD.
11 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPPORT ORDER IF RECOGNITION OF A FOREIGN
12 SUPPORT ORDER IS REFUSED UNDER SECTION 25-1338, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 2, 4
13 OR 9.
14 5. MODIFICATION OF A SUPPORT ORDER OF A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE.
15 6. MODIFICATION OF A SUPPORT ORDER OF A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE OR A
16 FOREIGN COUNTRY.
17 C. THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT PROCEEDINGS ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE
18 CONVENTION TO AN OBLIGOR AGAINST WHICH THERE IS AN EXISTING SUPPORT ORDER:
19 1. RECOGNITION OF AN ORDER SUSPENDING OR LIMITING ENFORCEMENT OF AN
20 EXISTING SUPPORT ORDER OF A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE.
21 2. MODIFICATION OF A SUPPORT ORDER OF A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE.
22 3. MODIFICATION OF A SUPPORT ORDER OF A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE OR A
23 FOREIGN COUNTRY.
24 D. A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY NOT REQUIRE SECURITY, BOND OR DEPOSIT,
25 HOWEVER DESCRIBED, TO GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF COSTS AND EXPENSES IN
26 PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CONVENTION.
27 25-1335. Direct request
28 A. A PETITIONER MAY FILE A DIRECT REQUEST SEEKING ESTABLISHMENT OR
29 MODIFICATION OF A SUPPORT ORDER OR DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE OF A CHILD. IN
30 THE PROCEEDING, THE LAW OF THIS STATE APPLIES.
31 B. A PETITIONER MAY FILE A DIRECT REQUEST SEEKING RECOGNITION AND
32 ENFORCEMENT OF A SUPPORT ORDER OR SUPPORT AGREEMENT. IN THE PROCEEDING,
33 SECTIONS 25-1336, 25-1337, 25-1338, 25-1339, 25-1340, 25-1341, 25-1342 AND
34 25-1343 APPLY.
35 C. IN A DIRECT REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A CONVENTION
36 SUPPORT ORDER OR FOREIGN SUPPORT AGREEMENT:
37 1. A SECURITY, BOND OR DEPOSIT IS NOT REQUIRED TO GUARANTEE THE
38 PAYMENT OF COSTS AND EXPENSES.
39 2. AN OBLIGEE OR OBLIGOR THAT IN THE ISSUING COUNTRY HAS BENEFITED
40 FROM FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS ENTITLED TO BENEFIT, AT LEAST TO THE SAME
41 EXTENT, FROM ANY FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR BY THE LAW OF THIS STATE
42 UNDER THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES.
43 D. A PETITIONER FILING A DIRECT REQUEST IS NOT ENTITLED TO ASSISTANCE
44 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY.

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

5 25-1336. Registration of convention support order

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

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

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

16 2. A RECORD STATING THAT THE SUPPORT ORDER IS ENFORCEABLE IN THE
17 ISSUING COUNTRY.

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

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

26 5. A RECORD SHOWING A REQUIREMENT FOR AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT OF THE
27 AMOUNT OF SUPPORT, IF ANY, AND THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO MAKE THE
28 APPROPRIATE CALCULATIONS.

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

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

33 D. A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY VACATE THE REGISTRATION OF A
34 CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER WITHOUT THE FILING OF A CONTEST UNDER SECTION
35 25-1337 ONLY IF, ACTING ON ITS OWN MOTION, THE TRIBUNAL FINDS THAT
36 RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDER WOULD BE MANIFESTLY INCOMPATIBLE
37 WITH PUBLIC POLICY.

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

40 25-1337. Contest of registered convention support order

41 A. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, SECTIONS 25-1305,
42 25-1306, 25-1307 AND 25-1308 APPLY TO A CONTEST OF A REGISTERED CONVENTION
43 SUPPORT ORDER.

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

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

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

13 E. IN A CONTEST OF A REGISTERED CONVENTION SUPPORT ORDER, A TRIBUNAL
14 OF THIS STATE:

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

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

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

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

22 25-1338. Recognition and enforcement of registered convention
23 support order

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

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

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

33 2. THE ISSUING TRIBUNAL LACKED PERSONAL JURISDICTION CONSISTENT WITH
34 SECTION 25-1221.

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

36 4. THE ORDER WAS OBTAINED BY FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH A MATTER OF
37 PROCEDURE.

38 5. A RECORD TRANSMITTED UNDER SECTION 25-1336 LACKS AUTHENTICITY OR
39 INTEGRITY.

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

43 7. THE ORDER IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH A MORE RECENT SUPPORT ORDER
44 INVOLVING THE SAME PARTIES AND HAVING THE SAME PURPOSE IF THE MORE RECENT

1 SUPPORT ORDER IS ENTITLED TO RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT UNDER THIS CHAPTER
2 IN THIS STATE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 1. THE TRIBUNAL MAY NOT DISMISS THE PROCEEDING WITHOUT ALLOWING A
18 REASONABLE TIME FOR A PARTY TO REQUEST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CONVENTION
19 SUPPORT ORDER.

20 2. THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY SHALL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE
21 MEASURES TO REQUEST A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER FOR THE OBLIGEE IF THE APPLICATION
22 FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT WAS RECEIVED UNDER SECTION 25-1334.

23 25-1339. Partial enforcement

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

28 25-1340. Foreign support agreement

29 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS C AND D OF THIS SECTION, A
30 TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE SHALL RECOGNIZE AND ENFORCE A FOREIGN SUPPORT
31 AGREEMENT REGISTERED IN THIS STATE.

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

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

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

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

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

1 1. RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT IS MANIFESTLY
2 INCOMPATIBLE WITH PUBLIC POLICY.
3 2. THE AGREEMENT WAS OBTAINED BY FRAUD OR FALSIFICATION.
4 3. THE AGREEMENT IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH A SUPPORT ORDER INVOLVING THE
5 SAME PARTIES AND HAVING THE SAME PURPOSE IN THIS STATE, ANOTHER STATE OR A
6 FOREIGN COUNTRY IF THE SUPPORT ORDER IS ENTITLED TO RECOGNITION AND
7 ENFORCEMENT UNDER THIS CHAPTER IN THIS STATE.
8 4. THE RECORD SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION LACKS
9 AUTHENTICITY OR INTEGRITY.
10 E. A PROCEEDING FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A FOREIGN SUPPORT
11 AGREEMENT MUST BE SUSPENDED DURING THE PENDENCY OF A CHALLENGE TO OR APPEAL
12 OF THE AGREEMENT BEFORE A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.
13 25-1341. Modification of convention child support order
14 A. A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY NOT MODIFY A CONVENTION CHILD SUPPORT
15 ORDER IF THE OBLIGEE REMAINS A RESIDENT OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRY WHERE THE
16 SUPPORT ORDER WAS ISSUED UNLESS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:
17 1. THE OBLIGEE SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF A TRIBUNAL OF THIS
18 STATE, EITHER EXPRESSLY OR BY DEFENDING ON THE MERITS OF THE CASE WITHOUT
19 OBJECTING TO THE JURISDICTION AT THE FIRST AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.
20 2. THE FOREIGN TRIBUNAL LACKS OR REFUSES TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION TO
21 MODIFY ITS SUPPORT ORDER OR ISSUE A NEW SUPPORT ORDER.
22 B. IF A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE DOES NOT MODIFY A CONVENTION CHILD
23 SUPPORT ORDER BECAUSE THE ORDER IS NOT RECOGNIZED IN THIS STATE, SECTION
24 25-1338, SUBSECTION C APPLIES.
25 25-1342. Personal information; limit on use
26 PERSONAL INFORMATION GATHERED OR TRANSMITTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY BE
27 USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT WAS GATHERED OR TRANSMITTED.
28 25-1343. Record in original language; English translation
29 A RECORD FILED WITH A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE UNDER THIS ARTICLE MUST BE
30 IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE AND, IF NOT IN ENGLISH, MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN
31 ENGLISH TRANSLATION.
32 Sec. 49. Uniformity of application and construction
33 In applying and construing this uniform act, consideration must be
34 given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its
35 subject matter among states that enact it.
36 Sec. 50. Severability
37 If any provision of this act or its application to any person or
38 circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions
39 or applications of this act that can be given effect without the invalid
40 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
41 severable.