DIGEST

HB 609 Engrossed   2015 Regular Session   Robert Johnson

Abstract: Incorporates the 2008 changes by the Uniform Law Commission to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for a comprehensive revision of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, including the following major changes:

(1)   Provides procedures for the registration, recognition, enforcement, and modification of foreign support orders.

(2)   Authorizes tribunals (including courts and administrative agencies) to establish a support order after a petition is filed in a foreign country, provided that certain requirements are met.

(3)   Extends <u>present law</u> personal jurisdiction provisions that previously applied to tutors to also apply to guardians and curators.

(4)   Requires certain tribunals to convert the amount of a support order to foreign currency or U.S. dollars, as applicable.

(5)   Authorizes tribunals to communicate with each other by electronic means.

(6)   Expands the list of circumstances in which a temporary child support order may be issued.

<u>Present law</u> provides for income withholding to enforce a child support obligation.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the use of electronic income withholding orders by the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

Section 1 of the Act is effective July 1, 2015; Section 2 is effective October 1, 2015; and Section 3 is effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 1301.1-1309.3 and R.S. 46:236.3(I))

<u>Summary of Amendments Adopted by House</u>

    The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1.   Add technical amendments.