
DIGEST

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HB 609 Reengrossed

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

Proposed law 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 present law 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.

Present law provides for income withholding to enforce a child support obligation.

Proposed law 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add technical amendments.

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The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add technical amendments.
2. Add additional amendments to provide for consistency in the use of certain terms.