

30.

Participation in any proceedings under this Article shall not confer upon any court jurisdiction of any of the parties thereto in any other proceeding.

Registration of Foreign Support Orders

31.

If the duty of support is based on a foreign support order, the obligee has the additional remedies provided in the following sections.

32.

The obligee may register the foreign support order in a court of this state in the manner, with the effect and for the purposes herein provided.

33.

The clerk of the court shall maintain a Registry of Foreign Support Orders in which he shall record foreign support orders.

34.

The petition for registration shall be verified and shall set forth the amount remaining unpaid and a list of any other states in which the support order is registered and shall have attached to it a certified copy of the support order with all modifications thereof. The foreign support order is registered upon the filing of the petition subject only to subsequent order of confirmation.

35.

The procedure to obtain jurisdiction of the person or property of the obligor shall be as provided in civil cases. The obligor may assert any defense available to a defendant in an action on a foreign judgment. If the obligor defaults, the court shall enter an order confirming the registered support order and determining the amounts remaining unpaid. If the obligor appears and a hearing is held, the court shall adjudicate the issues including the amounts remaining unpaid.

36.

The support order as confirmed shall have the same effect and may be enforced as if originally entered in the court of this state. The procedures for the enforcement thereof shall be as in civil cases, including the power to punish the obligor for contempt as in the case of other orders for payment of alimony, maintenance or support entered in this state.

[22.] 37.

If any provision hereof or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Article which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Article are declared to be severable.