

(b) [A verified complaint,] AN affidavit, A document substantially complying with federally mandated forms, [and] OR a document incorporated by reference in any of them, WHICH WOULD not BE excluded under the hearsay rule if given in person, is admissible in evidence if given under [oath] PENALTY OF PERJURY by a party or witness residing in another state.

(e) Documentary evidence transmitted from another state to a tribunal of this State by telephone, telecopier, or other means that do not provide an original [writing] RECORD may not be excluded from evidence on an objection based on the means of transmission unless the documentary evidence is shown to vary in a substantial or relevant manner from the original.

(f) In a proceeding under this subtitle, a tribunal of this State [may] SHALL permit a party or witness residing in another state to be deposed or to testify by telephone, audiovisual means, or other electronic means at a designated tribunal or other location in that state. A tribunal of this State shall cooperate with tribunals of other states in designating an appropriate location for the deposition or testimony.

(g) IF A PARTY CALLED TO TESTIFY AT A CIVIL HEARING REFUSES TO ANSWER ON THE GROUND THAT THE TESTIMONY MAY BE SELF-INCRIMINATING, THE TRIER OF FACT MAY DRAW AN ADVERSE INFERENCE FROM THE REFUSAL.

(H) Laws attaching a privilege against the disclosure of communications between husband and wife do not apply to proceedings under this subtitle.

[h] (I) In proceedings under this subtitle, husband and wife are competent witnesses and may be compelled to testify to any relevant matter, including marriage and parentage.

(J) A VOLUNTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PATERNITY, CERTIFIED AS A TRUE COPY, IS ADMISSIBLE TO ESTABLISH PARENTAGE OF THE CHILD.

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A tribunal of this State may communicate with a tribunal of another state OR FOREIGN COUNTRY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION in [writing] A RECORD, or by telephone or other means, to obtain information concerning the laws [of that state], the legal effect of a judgment, decree, or order of that tribunal, and the status of a proceeding in the other state OR FOREIGN COUNTRY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. A tribunal of this State may furnish similar information by similar means to a tribunal of another state OR FOREIGN COUNTRY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

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