

**UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 310 of 1996**

**PART 2**

**552.1621 Notice to nonregistering party.**

Sec. 621. (1) When a support order or income withholding order issued in another state is registered, the registering tribunal shall notify the nonregistering party. The notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the registered order and the documents and relevant information accompanying the order.

(2) The notice shall inform the nonregistering party of all of the following:

(a) That a registered order is enforceable as of the registration date in the same manner as an order issued by this state's tribunal.

(b) That a hearing to contest the validity or enforcement of the registered order shall be requested within 20 days after the date of mailing or personal service of the notice.

(c) That failure to contest the validity or enforcement of the registered order in a timely manner will result in confirmation and enforcement of the order and the alleged arrearages, and precludes further contest of that order with respect to a matter that could have been asserted.

(d) The amount of alleged arrearages.

(3) Upon registration of an income withholding order for enforcement, the registering tribunal shall notify the obligor's employer as provided in the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.601 to 552.650.

**History:** 1996, Act 310, Eff. June 1, 1997;—Am. 1998, Act 65, Imd. Eff. Apr. 27, 1998.

**552.1623 Nonregistering party; hearing.**

Sec. 623. (1) A nonregistering party seeking to contest the validity or enforcement of a registered order in this state shall request a hearing within 20 days after the date of mailing or personal service of notice of the registration. The nonregistering party may seek to vacate the registration, to assert a defense to an allegation of noncompliance with the registered order, or to contest a remedy being sought or the amount of an alleged arrearage as provided in section 625.

(2) If the nonregistering party fails to contest the validity or enforcement of the registered order in a timely manner, the order is confirmed by operation of law. If a nonregistered party requests a hearing to contest the validity or enforcement of the registered order, the registering tribunal shall schedule the matter for hearing and give notice to the parties of the hearing date, time, and place.

**History:** 1996, Act 310, Eff. June 1, 1997;—Am. 1998, Act 65, Imd. Eff. Apr. 27, 1998.

**552.1625 Burden of proof; defenses; actions by tribunal; further contest of order precluded.**

Sec. 625. (1) A party contesting the validity or enforcement of a registered order or seeking to vacate the registration has the burden of proving 1 or more of the following defenses:

(a) The issuing tribunal lacked personal jurisdiction over the contesting party.

(b) The order was obtained by fraud.

(c) The order has been vacated, suspended, or modified by a later order.

(d) The issuing tribunal has stayed the order pending appeal.

(e) There is a defense under this state's law to the remedy sought.

(f) Full or partial payment has been made.

(g) The statute of limitations as prescribed by section 605 precludes enforcement of some or all of the arrearages.

(2) If a party presents evidence establishing a full or partial defense under subsection (1), a tribunal may stay enforcement of the registered order, continue the proceeding to permit production of additional relevant evidence, or issue other appropriate orders. An uncontested portion of the registered order may be enforced by all remedies available under this state's law. If the contesting party does not establish a defense under subsection (1) to the validity or enforcement of the order, the registering tribunal shall issue an order confirming the registered order.

(3) Whether by operation of law or after notice and hearing, a registered order's confirmation precludes further contest of the order with respect to a matter that could have been asserted at the time of registration.

**History:** 1996, Act 310, Eff. June 1, 1997.