

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §48-27-401

## **§48-27-401. Interaction between domestic proceedings.**

(a) During the pendency of a divorce action, a person may file for and be granted relief provided by this article until an order other than a procedural order is entered in the divorce action pursuant to Part 5-501, et seq.

(b) If a person who has been granted relief under this article should subsequently become a party to an action for divorce, separate maintenance or annulment, such person shall remain entitled to the relief provided under this article including the right to file for and obtain any further relief, so long as no temporary order other than a procedural order has been entered in the action for divorce, annulment and separate maintenance, pursuant to Part 5-501, et seq.

(c) Except as provided in section 5-509 of this chapter and section 27-402 of this article for a petition and a temporary emergency protective order, no person who is a party to a pending action for divorce, separate maintenance or annulment in which an order other than a procedural order has been entered pursuant to Part 5-501, et seq. of this chapter, shall be entitled to file for or obtain relief against another party to that action under this article until after the entry of a final order which grants or dismisses the action for divorce, annulment or separate maintenance.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in section 27-505, when an action seeking a divorce, an annulment or separate maintenance, the allocation of custodial responsibility or a habeas corpus action to establish custody, the establishment of paternity, the establishment or enforcement of child support, or other relief under the provisions of this chapter is filed or is reopened by petition, motion or otherwise, then any order issued pursuant to this article which is in effect on the day the action is filed or reopened shall remain in full force and effect by operation of this statute until: (1) A temporary order other than a procedural order or a final order is entered pursuant to the provisions of Part 5-501, et seq. or Part 6-601 et seq., of this chapter; or (2) an order is entered modifying such order issued pursuant to this article; or (3) the entry of a final order granting or dismissing the action. The Supreme Court of Appeals shall provide by rule for notice of the extension of the Domestic Violence Order to be provided to the parties, law enforcement and the domestic violence registry by the clerk of the court, or clerks of the courts, in which the action or actions are filed.