## WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §48-16-710

## §48-16-710. Foreign support agreement.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, a tribunal of this state shall recognize and enforce a foreign support agreement registered in this state.
- (b) An application or direct request for recognition and enforcement of a foreign support agreement must be accompanied by:
- (1) A complete text of the foreign support agreement; and
- (2) A record stating that the foreign support agreement is enforceable as an order of support in the issuing country.
- (c) A tribunal of this state may vacate the registration of a foreign support agreement only if, acting on its own motion, the tribunal finds that recognition and enforcement would be manifestly incompatible with public policy.
- (d) In a contest of a foreign support agreement, a tribunal of this state may refuse recognition and enforcement of the agreement if it finds:
- (1) Recognition and enforcement of the agreement is manifestly incompatible with public policy;
- (2) The agreement was obtained by fraud or falsification;
- (3) The agreement is incompatible with a support order involving the same parties and having the same purpose in this state, another state or a foreign country if the support order is entitled to recognition and enforcement under this article in this state; or
- (4) The record submitted under subsection (b) of this section lacks authenticity or integrity.
- (e) A proceeding for recognition and enforcement of a foreign support agreement must be suspended during the pendency of a challenge to or appeal of the agreement before a tribunal of another state or a foreign country.