

**§2964. Simultaneous proceedings**

**1. Exercise of jurisdiction when filed in another state.** A tribunal of this State may exercise jurisdiction to establish a support order when the petition or comparable pleading is filed after a petition or comparable pleading is filed in another state or a foreign country only if:

A. The petition or comparable pleading in this State is filed before the expiration of the time allowed in the other state or the foreign country for filing a responsive pleading challenging the exercise of jurisdiction by the other state or the foreign country; [PL 2009, c. 95, §27 (AMD); PL 2009, c. 95, §87 (AFF).]

B. The contesting party timely challenges the exercise of jurisdiction in the other state or the foreign country; and [PL 2009, c. 95, §27 (AMD); PL 2009, c. 95, §87 (AFF).]

C. This State is the home state of the child, if that is a relevant factor. [PL 2009, c. 95, §27 (AMD); PL 2009, c. 95, §87 (AFF).]  
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**2. Jurisdiction may not be exercised when filed in another state.** A tribunal of this State may not exercise jurisdiction to establish a support order when the petition or comparable pleading is filed before a petition or comparable pleading is filed in another state or a foreign country if:

A. The petition or comparable pleading in the other state or the foreign country is filed before the expiration of the time allowed in this State for filing a responsive pleading challenging the exercise of jurisdiction by this State; [PL 2009, c. 95, §27 (AMD); PL 2009, c. 95, §87 (AFF).]

B. The contesting party timely challenges the exercise of jurisdiction in this State; and [PL 2003, c. 436, §10 (NEW).]

C. The other state or the foreign country is the home state of the child, if that is a relevant factor. [PL 2009, c. 95, §27 (AMD); PL 2009, c. 95, §87 (AFF).]  
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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2003, c. 436, §10 (NEW). PL 2009, c. 95, §27 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 95, §87 (AFF).

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