



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB4443**

Introduced 1/9/2006, by Rep. Jack D. Franks

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

750 ILCS 45/16.5 new

Amends the Parentage Act of 1984. Provides a list of proper venues for modification or enforcement of a judgment for support, custody, visitation, or removal entered under the Act. Provides that objection to the venue is waived if it is not made within such time as the respondent's answer is due.

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1 AN ACT concerning families.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 is amended by  
5 adding Section 16.5 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 45/16.5 new)

7 Sec. 16.5. Post-Judgment Venue. After 30 days from the  
8 entry of a judgment for support, custody, visitation, or  
9 removal entered under this Act, or the last modification  
10 thereof, any further proceedings to enforce or modify the  
11 judgment shall be as follows:

12 (a) If the respondent does not then reside within this  
13 State, further proceedings shall be had either in the judicial  
14 circuit wherein the moving party resides or where the judgment  
15 was entered or last modified.

16 (b) If one or both of the parties then resides in the  
17 judicial circuit wherein the judgment was entered or last  
18 modified, further proceedings shall be had in the judicial  
19 circuit that last exercised jurisdiction in the matter;  
20 provided, however, that the court may in its discretion,  
21 transfer matters involving a change in child custody to the  
22 judicial circuit where the minor or dependent child resides.

23 (c) If neither party then resides in the judicial circuit  
24 wherein the judgment was entered or last modified, further  
25 proceedings shall be had in that circuit or in the judicial  
26 circuit wherein either party resides or where the respondent is  
27 actively employed; provided, however, that the court may, in  
28 its discretion, transfer matters involving a change in child  
29 custody to the judicial circuit where the minor or dependent  
30 child resides.

31 (d) Objection to venue is waived if not made within such  
32 time as the respondent's answer is due. Counter relief shall be

1 heard and determined by the court hearing any matter already  
2 pending.