

1 the probate courts in Maryland identified by the name of
2 Orphans' Court be done away with. It has been accomp-
3 lished in one jurisdiction, namely Montgomery County.

4 Adoption of this Committee Recommendation of a
5 four-tier court system would necessitate the legislature
6 delegating or prescribing the jurisdiction now employed
7 by the Orphans' Court to probably the Superior Court,
8 although it could as we understand it prescribe concurrent
9 jurisdiction in probate matters as well as juvenile mat-
10 ters in the District Court and the Superior Court. It is
11 the view of the majority of this committee that the provi-
12 sions for functions division is the flexibility that,
13 the only flexibility, together with that reserved to the
14 legislature to prescribe jurisdiction which is needed to
15 accommodate the judicial needs of this state for the
16 foreseeable future.

17 The idea of judicial revision would seem unneces-
18 sary within the flexibility and latitude allowed by func-
19 tional divisions and the power of the legislature to
20 prescribe jurisdiction.

21 The recommended four-tier structure, with the