

of Baltimore may, in its discretion, devolve the duties imposed by this sub-title upon said Board for Mothers' Relief upon the Supervisors of City Charities of Baltimore City.<sup>1</sup>

An. Code, sec. 20. 1916, ch. 670, sec. 2.

22. Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to affect or interfere with the provisions of the laws of Maryland as now existing relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the Circuit Courts of the State of Maryland, or the Juvenile Court of Baltimore City, in regard to the custody and control of infants.

Any mother of a child or children under the age of fourteen (14) years, whose husband is dead, and who is unable to support it or them and maintain her home, may present a written application or petition for relief to the County Commissioners of the County wherein she resides, or to the Board for Mothers' Relief for Baltimore City, if she resides in Baltimore City.

Such application or petition shall be verified by three witnesses and shall set forth the following:

Her name, the name of her husband, the date of the death of her husband, the name or names of her children, the dates and places of their birth and the time and place of her marriage.

Her residence and the length of time she has been a resident and the address or addresses of her place of abode for the previous five years, and the date, as near as possible, when she moved in and when she left said place or places of residence.

A statement of all the property belonging to her and to each of her children, which statement shall include any future or contingent interest she or any of them may have.

A statement of the efforts made by her to support her children.

The name, relationships and addresses of such of her and her husband's relatives that may be known to her.

#### *Conditions for Relief.*

The child or children for whose benefit the relief is granted must be living with the mother of such child or children.

The relief shall be granted only when, in the absence of such relief, the mother would be required to work regularly away from her home and children, and when, by means of such relief she will be able to remain at home with her children, except, that she may be absent for work a definite number of days each week, to be specified in the order giving relief, when such work can be done by her without the sacrifice of health or the neglect of home and children.

Such a mother must be a proper person, worthy and fit, to bring up her children.

<sup>1</sup> Sec. 13 of act of 1916, ch. 670, provides that if said act should be held invalid as to the counties or any of them, it shall remain in full force and effect as to Baltimore city. Sec. 12 repeals all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with act of 1916.