

An. Code, 1924, sec. 87B. 1931, ch. 448, sec. 87B.

91. After examination or inquiry shall have been made and completed as provided for herein, the State's Attorney may file an Information in the Criminal Court of Baltimore against the person under investigation charging him with offense or offenses of desertion and failing to support his wife or child or both, as the facts may warrant.

And the Court before whom such Information shall have been made is hereupon empowered, upon the written consent of the person complained of, to pass an order which shall be subject to change by it, from time to time, as the circumstances may require, directing the person complained against to pay a certain sum weekly or monthly for the space of three years for the support of the wife and child or children, if there be any, as the case may be, and to release the person complained against on such conditions as the Court may in writing impose.

And it is further provided that should the person named as defendant in the Information filed as aforesaid, fail or refuse to consent in writing as aforesaid, and demand a trial on the charge or charges therein made, his trial shall proceed in the same manner as provided for in the trial of other persons indicted for desertion or non-support, and the said Information shall take the place of Presentment and Indictment by the Grand Jury.

Nothing in the above section shall prevent the State's Attorney from submitting any such case to the Grand Jury for such action as it may deem proper, instead of proceeding by way of Information.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 87C. 1931, ch. 448, sec. 87C.

92. The State's Attorney is hereby empowered for the purpose of facilitating the handling of such cases, to issue subpoenas and summonses requiring the personal attendance of any and all persons other than the accused in connection with the said examination or inquiry, to be and appear before the said State's Attorney, Deputy State's Attorney or any Assistant State's Attorney, as well as to produce any and all documentary matter in connection with the said examination or inquiry. And the State's Attorney, Deputy State's Attorney or any Assistant State's Attorney, may in addition thereto, and the power and authority is hereby granted, administer oaths and affirmations, examine witnesses and receive evidence. In case of disobedience to a subpoena¹ or summons, or the contumacy of a witness appearing before the State's Attorney, Deputy State's Attorney or any Assistant State's Attorney, the State's Attorney may invoke the aid of the Criminal Court of Baltimore. Such Court may thereupon issue an order requiring the person subpoenaed to obey the subpoena and to give evidence and to produce any and all documentary matter deemed necessary by said Court touching upon the said matter under investigation or inquiry. In case of a failure or refusal of any person, firm or corporation to obey the Order of the Court after the report by the State's Attorney to the Court and the issuance of the Order by the Court, the service of same upon the witness, such person, firm or corporation so disobeying or refusing shall be deemed in contempt of Court and punishable as such, subject to the right of appeal as now provided or hereafter regulated.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 87D. 1931, ch. 448, sec. 87D.

93. The defendant or person accused or about to be accused by Information to be filed by the State's Attorney shall be notified in writing by

¹ This way in act.