

and recorded in the office of the register of wills for said county and have the same effect as if the same was executed by a person of full age.

Binding. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said Paul Anderson shall be answerable for all liabilities, debts and contracts made and entered into by him, and may sue and be sued as if he were of legal age; that all deeds and other instruments of writing made and executed by him shall be as good and binding as if he were of legal age of twenty-one years.

Effective. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 28, 1890.

CHAPTER 70.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments section twenty of article forty-two, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Habeas Corpus," sub-title "Procedure in relation to minors."

Repeal. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section twenty of article forty-two, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Habeas Corpus," sub-title "Procedure in relation to minors," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Custody. 20. Whenever a minor is brought before a court or judge upon *habeas corpus* in private custody, the court or judge, in the determination of the case, shall be guided and controlled by a parental consideration of what is demanded by the best interests of such minor, and the custody shall be determined without regard to technicalities of procedure and without reference to any alleged technical claim or right of custody; the minor, when brought up by *habeas corpus*, shall be deemed to be in the custody of and subject to the order of the court or judge issuing the writ or hearing the case, and the court or judge may adjourn the examination from time to time, and shall not allow the proceedings to be controlled by the parties thereto, or any of them, and it shall not lie within the power of the parties, or any of them, to dismiss the case or settle it; a minor, in such proceeding may be removed from the custody of his parent, appointed guardian, or other legal custodian; he may be committed to the care of any person, body corporate or institution, upon such terms and for such period as the court or judge may deem beneficial; if it be made to appear that such course is demanded by the temporal or moral welfare of the minor, it shall be the duty of the court or judge, to commit him to the care or custody of any charitable, reformatory or