

tachment for contempt, or otherwise, and all orders or decrees that may be necessary or appropriate in the exercise of the jurisdiction conferred by this Act, and shall have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred upon the Circuit Court for said County in the hearing, trial and determination of causes wherein a minor may be brought before said Court by habeas corpus, and shall have and exercise all other powers by this Act hereinafter expressly conferred.

And the hearing, trial and determination of all cases of dependent, neglected or delinquent children by the Circuit Court for said County sitting in Juvenile Causes shall be had without regard to technicalities of procedure or the rules of evidence, and without regard to any technical claim of any party to said cause, and the Circuit Court for said County sitting in Juvenile causes may control and conduct the hearing of such cases, in the same manner as are now controlled and conducted the hearing of cases of minors brought before said Circuit Court by habeas corpus.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, whenever the Judges of any Judicial Circuit shall designate one of their number to try, hear and determine the cases of such children as aforesaid in any County of their said Circuit, then and thereafter any resident of said County or the agent of any society incorporated under the laws of this State for the care and protection of children, may file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County a petition in writing, and under oath, setting forth that a certain child or children, naming the same, if the name or names be known, and also naming the parent or parents of such child, if there be parent or parents, known to the petitioner, or the name of the custodian of such child or children, if there be such custodian known to the petitioner, and the place or places of residence of such child or children, their parents or other custodian, where known to the petitioner, is or are delinquent, dependent or neglected, as defined in Section 1 of this Act, and that it is for the interest of such child or children, and the State of Maryland, that it or they be taken from its or their parent or parents, guardian or custodian, and placed under the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court for said County, sitting in Juvenile Causes, together with such other pertinent facts, if any, as the petitioner may think proper to state. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County shall file and preserve such petition and all papers relating to such petition, and docket such case, wherein the petitioner shall be