

State for the care and protection of children, may file with the clerk to said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases 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 272B 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 said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases, together with such other pertinent facts, if any, as the petitioner may think proper to state. The clerk to said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases shall file and preserve such petition and all papers relating to such petition, and docket such case, wherein the petitioner shall be named as plaintiff, and the child or children, its or their parent or parents, guardian or custodian, when named, shall be made defendants in such case. The said clerk shall immediately upon the filing of the petition and making the proper docket entries, call the same to the attention of the said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases, and it shall be the duty of the said Magistrate to pass an order requiring the Sheriff of said county, or a policeman of the City of Hagerstown, or the probation officer hereinafter provided for, to serve a summons upon all parties named in said proceedings as defendants, to be and appear before said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases, at the hour and upon the day therein named. It shall be the duty of said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases or his clerk, to issue summons for any and all witnesses required by any petitioner to appear at the hearing of his, her or its petition.

272D. The County Commissioners of Washington County may appoint one or more probation officers, who may be either male or female, who shall be paid in monthly installments by the County Commissioners of said county a salary to be fixed by said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases and said County Commissioners. It shall be the duty of such officer or officers to inform himself or themselves when any child is to be brought before said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases, to make investiga-