

age of fourteen years is brought before said Magistrate upon a petition alleging delinquency, and the conduct alleged in the petition would constitute a felony or any crime the maximum penalty of which is confinement in a penal institution for more than three years, the Magistrate, after full investigation, may waive jurisdiction and then proceed in like manner as Justices of the Peace may now or hereafter be authorized to proceed in like criminal cases when the defendant is an adult if such action shall appear to be in the public interest or for the welfare of the child, and provided further, that whenever a child sixteen years of age or over is brought before said Magistrate on any criminal charge, the said Magistrate may waive jurisdiction and refer the case to some other Justice of the Peace or Trial Magistrate of Washington County for hearing or may proceed in like manner as Justices of the Peace may now or hereafter be authorized to proceed in like criminal cases when the defendant is an adult, or, when said child is sixteen years of age or over as aforesaid, upon application of the State's Attorney for Washington County, the said Magistrate shall cease to have jurisdiction and may refer the case to some other Justice of the Peace or Trial Magistrate for Washington County for hearing, or may proceed in like manner as Justices of the Peace may now or hereafter be authorized to proceed in like criminal cases when the defendant is an adult.

f. He shall have jurisdiction which shall be exclusive as among the several Justices of the Peace or Trial Magistrates of Washington County, to determine the custody of any child residing within the County, provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall deprive other Courts of competent jurisdiction to determine the custody of children upon writs of habeas corpus or when such custody is incidental to the determination of causes pending in such Courts.

g. When any child shall be found by said Magistrate to be a delinquent, dependent, neglected or mentally incompetent child, such child shall continue under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court until he becomes twenty-one years of age, unless discharged prior thereto.

h. He shall have jurisdiction, which shall be exclusive as among the several Justices of the Peace or Trial Magistrates of Washington County, to hear, try and determine all cases of adults charged with contributing to, encouraging, causing or tending to cause by any act or omission, the delinquency, neglect or dependency of any child.