

*entitled to support under this article and is believed to be a resident of or domiciled in another state having substantially similar or reciprocal laws.*

6. (Procedure.) (a) *A proceeding under this Article shall be commenced by a petitioner by filing a verified petition in the court in the county or city of the state wherein he resides or is domiciled, showing the name, age, residence and circumstances of the petitioner, alleging that he is in need of and is entitled to support from the respondent, giving his name, age, residence and circumstances, and praying that the respondent be compelled to furnish such support.*

(b) *If the respondent be a resident of or domiciled in such state and the court has or can acquire jurisdiction of the person of the respondent under existing laws in effect in such state, such laws shall govern and control the procedure to be followed in such proceeding.*

(c) *If the respondent be not a resident of or domiciled in or cannot be found in such state, a judge of such court shall certify that a verified petition has been filed in his court in a proceeding against the respondent under this Article to compel the support of the petitioner, that a summons, duly issued out of his court for service upon the respondent has been returned with an affidavit to the effect that the respondent cannot with due diligence be located or served with such process in the initiating state, that the respondent is believed to be residing or domiciled in the responding state and that, in his opinion, the respondent should be compelled to answer such petition and should be dealt with according to law, and he shall transmit such certificate and exemplified copies of such petition and summons to the appropriate court in the responding state.*

(d) *Any judge of a court in the county of the responding state in which the respondent resides or is domiciled or found, upon presentation to him of such certificate and exemplified copies of such petition and summons, shall fix a time and place for a hearing on such petition and shall issue a summons out of his court, directed to the respondent, duly requiring him to appear at such time and place.*

(e) *It shall not be necessary for the petitioner or the petitioner's witnesses to appear personally at such hearing, but it shall be the duty of the petitioner's representative of the responding state to appear on behalf of and represent the petitioner at all stages of the proceedings.*

(f) *If at such hearing the respondent controverts the petition and enters a verified denial of any of the material allega-*