

respective counties. Whenever a child is placed by the Court in the custody of any person, agency or institution and no provision is otherwise made for the support of such child, compensation for the care of such child, when approved by order of the Court, shall be a charge upon and paid by the County to the extent funds for this purpose are not provided by the State, and the County Commissioners are directed to levy to the extent necessary to provide funds for the purposes hereinabove specified.

48T. All cases pending before any magistrate or any magistrate for juvenile causes, in any county, on June 1, 1945, shall be transferred to the Circuit Court of that county, sitting in equity for juvenile causes. All such cases shall be disposed of by the Judge according to the provisions of this sub-title.

48U. The provisions of this sub-title shall not apply to the City of Baltimore or Washington, Allegany, or Montgomery Counties.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 50 and 58 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Courts", sub-title "Minors Without Proper Care or Guardianship", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

50. Any reputable person being a resident of the State of Maryland, having knowledge of a child in any county of said State who appears to be a minor without proper care or guardianship, if in the City of Baltimore said child appears to be a minor sixteen years of age or older or if in any county said child appears to be a minor eighteen years of age or older, said child not being an inmate of a State institution, or of any institution incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland for the care and correction of children, or of any reform school or industrial school for juvenile offenders, and having knowledge of the person or persons responsible for or contributing to the condition of said child, may file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county, or of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, a petition in writing, setting forth the facts verified by affidavit; or the judge of the Circuit Court for the county in which the child resides or of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, on his personal knowledge, or on information given him may direct such petition to be filed by a duly appointed probation officer, or by the State's Attorney for the county. The petition shall set forth the name and residence of the child, and of its parents or guardians, or other persons having the custody, control or