

be the duty of the City Solicitor of Baltimore City or the counsel to the County Commissioners of the respective counties to act, without charge to the petitioner on behalf of the petitioner.

*(c) The Court of this State acting as an initiating state has discretion to discharge all duties imposed by this Article without fees or other costs to the petitioner.*

12. Duty of the Court of this State as Responding State.

*(a) When the Court of this State, acting as a responding state, receives from the court of an initiating state the aforesaid copies, it shall (1) docket the cause, (2) notify the State's Attorney of the jurisdiction, (3) set a time and place for a hearing, and (4) take such action as is necessary in accordance with the laws of this State to obtain jurisdiction.*

*(b) When any court of this State, acting as a responding State, shall receive a petition from a Court of an initiating State in any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, it shall be the duty of the State's Attorney of the jurisdiction to prosecute such cause.*

*(c) The court of this state acting as a responding state may, pursuant to the statement of the court of the initiating state or on its own initiative discharge all duties imposed by this Article without fees or other costs to the petitioner.*

*(d) If a court of this state, acting as a responding state, is unable to obtain jurisdiction of the obligor or his property due to inaccuracies or inadequacies in the petition or otherwise, the court shall communicate this fact to the court in the initiating state, shall on its own initiative use all means at its disposal to trace the obligor or his property, and shall hold the case pending the receipt of more accurate information or an amended petition from the court in the initiating state.*

17A. *State information agency. The State Department of Public Welfare is hereby designated as the State Information Agency under this Act, and it shall be its duty:*

*(1) To compile a list of the courts and their addresses in this State having jurisdiction under this Act and transmit the same to the State Information Agency of every other state which has adopted this or a substantially similar Act.*

*(2) To maintain a register of such lists received from other states and to transmit copies thereof as soon as pos-*