

*within the jurisdiction of said Court; to study and recommend to the Judge and said County Council legislation relating to child welfare and the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency; and to review the annual budget request prepared by the Judge before its submission to the County Council for Montgomery County.*

70J. (*Employees of Court.*) *The Judge shall appoint, fix the compensation of and remove, subject to budget limitations and regulations of the County Personnel Board, a supervisor of social work and such clerks, probation officers, stenographers, and other personnel as may be necessary for the work of his office. The supervisor of social work, under the supervision of the Judge, shall be in charge of all the social work of the Court, shall, in association with other social agencies of Montgomery County and the Montgomery County Juvenile Court Committee, study the sources and causes of delinquency and assist in developing and correlating community-wide plans for the prevention and treatment of delinquency, shall direct and develop the investigation work of the Court, shall be responsible for the direct supervision and administration of the professional and clerical staffs of the Court, and shall make such reports to the Judge as he may direct. The probation officers shall be vested with the privileges and authority of constables and shall perform such duties and be governed by such regulations as may be prescribed by the Judge, including the duty of investigating complaints made to the Court, and shall perform the general duties of probation officers in relation to children under the supervision of the Court.*

70K. (*Custody of children pending action of Court.*) (a) *Whenever any officer takes a child into custody, he shall unless it is impracticable or has been otherwise ordered by the Court, accept the written promise of the parent, guardian, or custodian to bring the child to the Court at the time fixed. Thereupon such child may be released in the custody of such parent, guardian, or custodian. If not so released, such child shall be placed in the custody of a probation officer or other person designated by the Court or taken immediately to the Court or to a place of detention designated by the Court, and the officer taking him shall immediately notify the Court and shall file a petition in such form as may be directed by the Court.*

(b) *Any child whose custody has been assumed by the Court may be released, pending the final disposition of the case, in the custody of a parent, guardian, or custodian, or of a probation officer or other person appointed by the Court, to be brought before the Court at the time designated. If not so released, such child, pending the hearing of the case, shall be detained in a place of detention designated by the Court and subject to its further order, but no child shall be confined in any police station, prison jail or lock-up unless in a room or ward entirely separate from adults, or be transported or detained in association with criminals, vicious or dissolute persons.*

(c) *Nothing in this section shall be construed as forbidding any peace officer, police officer, or probation officer from immediately taking into custody any child who is found violating any law or ordinance, or who is reasonably believed to be a fugitive from his parents.*