

agency in Anne Arundel County which is devoted to the study of history or the maintenance and preservation of historic homes and places.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved April 3, 1959.

CHAPTER 290

(Senate Bill 333)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 53 and 55 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "Juvenile Causes", and Sections 241 and 243 of the Code of Public Local Laws and Charter of Baltimore City (1949 Edition being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Courts", sub-title "Juvenile Causes", to clarify and eliminate therefrom certain inconsistencies, and ambiguities concerning the right of an adult to a trial by jury in juvenile causes, and whether a wilful act or omission on the part of an adult bringing a child within the jurisdiction of a juvenile judge or court shall constitute a criminal offense.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 53 and 55 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "Juvenile Causes", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 26

Section 53. Original Jurisdiction.

Except as otherwise provided herein the judge shall have (a) original, exclusive jurisdiction concerning any child who is dependent, delinquent, neglected or feeble-minded; (b) original jurisdiction to determine paternity of such a child in disputed cases subject to the period or periods of limitations provided in Section 18 of Article 12 of this Code relating to cases of bastardy; (c) original [, exclusive] jurisdiction, *unless waived as hereinafter provided*, to try (subject to the right of trial by jury) any parent, guardian or any other person [over the age of 18 years] *18 years of age or over* for any wilful act or omission bringing a child within the jurisdiction of the court, *subject to such respondent's right to trial upon such charge in the criminal court according to the usual criminal procedure.* [unless waived as hereinafter provided.] Nothing herein contained shall deprive other courts of the right to determine the custody of children upon writs of habeas corpus or to determine the custody or guardianship of children when such custody or guardianship is incidental to the determination of cases pending in such other courts.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.