

petition under this subtitle, may require witnesses, other than the person alleged to be the father of an illegitimate child, to appear before him for such examination of witnesses as may be deemed in the public interest. For this purpose he may issue subpoenas and summonses requiring the personal attendance of any and all persons, other than the person alleged to be the father of said child, to give testimony in connection with the examination or inquiry or requiring the production of any and all documentary matter in connection with the examination or inquiry. The State's Attorney also may administer oath and affirmations, examine witnesses, and receive evidence. In case of disobedience to a subpoena or summons, or the contumacy of a witness appearing before him, the State's Attorney may invoke the aid of the circuit court of the county or the ~~Circuit Court~~ or Circuit Court No. 2 of the City of Baltimore, as the case may be; the court may thereupon issue an order requiring the person to obey the subpoena or summons and to give testimony and to produce any and all documentary matter deemed necessary by the court for the investigation or inquiry. In case any person, firm or corporation fails or refuses to obey such an order of the court after the same has been served on the witness, the person, firm, or corporation is in contempt of court and shall be punished therefor, subject to the right to appeal.

(b) The person alleged to be the father of an illegitimate child shall be notified by the State's Attorney in writing of: (1) the time and place of hearing in the examination or inquiry, (2) the right of such person to appear at the hearings and to produce such evidence or information touching upon the investigation as he may desire, and (3) the right of such person to testify in his own behalf before the State's Attorney, provided he notifies the State's Attorney of his desire to do so and signs a written waiver to the effect that any testimony which he may give may be used against him in any ensuing proceedings to establish paternity. The State's Attorney has the right to request that the persons involved submit to a blood test. Upon the refusal of any such person to submit to the test, the State's Attorney may apply to the Court for an order directing such person to submit to the test.

(c) Voluntary agreement for support and maintenance shall be effected as provided in Section 66L.

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(a) In any proceeding under this subtitle the provisions hereof govern all matters relating to summons, process, notice, pleading, and practice; and any statutes or rules of any court with respect to such matters are applicable only to the extent that the same are practical and are not inconsistent with any provision of this subtitle.

(b) The bill or petition shall state in simple and non-technical language the material facts upon which the complaint is based, and it need not be in any particular form. It shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court in duplicate, and a copy thereof shall be served upon the defendant or defendants at the time process is served or executed upon him or them. The bill or petition shall contain a notice to the defendant alleged to be the putative father, in simple non-technical language, of his right to have the issue of paternity tried by a jury; and that unless he elects a jury trial as provided in this subtitle,