

decendent had died leaving a legitimate child or children or descendants of such deceased child. All money paid by virtue of such an order shall be charged as a debt or debts against the estate of the decedent. Upon payment of the sum or sums ordered to be paid as aforesaid, any bond furnished in the proceedings by the decedent shall be cancelled and the sureties thereon discharged.

(d) Any monies due and unpaid for the support of the child at the time it reaches the age of 21 years, dies, marries, or becomes self-supporting, shall be a continuing obligation of the party or parties bound by the order of the Court to pay the same, until finally and completely paid under all the provisions of law applicable to the order.

66K.

The right of any party to appeal to the Court of Appeals of Maryland from an order of the Court shall be the same as in any other case tried in the equity or law courts of this State.

66L.

Either before or after the filing of a bill or petition to establish paternity and to charge the putative father of an illegitimate child or children with his or their support and maintenance, the person alleged to be the father of the child or children, whether he admits or denies paternity, may propose to make a settlement with respect to his or their support and maintenance, either in a lump sum, installments, or otherwise. If the complainant or petitioner agrees to accept the settlement and the State's Attorney is satisfied that the amount and terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable and that the complainant or petitioner has been properly advised in the premises and is competent to accept the settlement, an agreement shall be prepared and duly executed and submitted to the Court for approval. In the event the Court approves the agreement, the terms thereof shall be incorporated in an order to be passed by the Court, which order shall be enforceable in all respects and to the same extent as any other order passed after a hearing.

66M.

*The Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the counties and the ~~Equity Courts~~ **CIRCUIT COURT NO. 2** of the City of Baltimore shall keep and maintain a docket known as "Paternity Docket," in which shall be kept all records, proceedings, and orders pertaining to each case pursuant to this subtitle.*

66N.

(a) Nothing contained in Section 66 of this Article or in this subtitle shall affect any proceeding or prosecution under said Section 66 or under the former Article 12 of this Code, title "Bastardy and Fornication," instituted prior to June 1, 1963; any such proceedings or prosecution may be continued, including the enforcement or modification of any order theretofore passed in said proceeding, to the same extent and with the same effect as if said Article 12 had not been repealed.

(b) In any proceeding under this subtitle, proof of a prior conviction under said Article 12, whether the conviction occurred before