

without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this subtitle and of said Section 66 are declared to be severable.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 53 of Article 26 of said Code (1962 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Juvenile Causes," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

53.

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] 66 (e) of Article [12] 16 of this Code [relating to cases of bastardy]; (c) original jurisdiction, unless waived as hereinafter provided, to try (subject to the right of trial by jury) any parent, guardian or any other person 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. 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.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Article 12 of said Code (1957 Edition and 1962 Supplement), title "Bastardy and Fornication," be and it is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 30, 1963.

CHAPTER 723

(House Bill 6)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 52 (f) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Courts," subtitle "Juvenile Causes," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 240(e) of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Juvenile Causes"; AND TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT, WITH AMENDMENTS, SECTION 285 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF ALLEGANY COUNTY (1955 EDITION, BEING ARTICLE 1 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND), TITLE "ALLEGANY COUNTY," SUBTITLE "JUVENILE COURT," providing that the definition of "neglected child" as used ~~therein~~ IN THE STATE-WIDE BALTIMORE CITY AND ALLEGANY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT LAWS includes