

support was furnished for the purpose of securing reimbursement of expenditures so made and of obtaining continuing support.

9.

All duties of support, including arrearages, are enforceable by petition irrespective of relationship between the obligor and obligee. **¶**Jurisdiction of all proceedings hereunder shall be vested in the Circuit Court of any county in this State, either the Circuit Court or the Circuit Court No. 2 in Baltimore City; Juvenile Courts and Trial Magistrates having jurisdiction over the enforcement of laws respecting duties of support. **¶**

10.

Jurisdiction of all proceedings hereunder is vested in the Circuit Court of any county in the state, either the Circuit Court or the Circuit Court No. 2 in Baltimore City, juvenile courts, trial magistrates and people's courts having jurisdiction over the enforcement of laws respecting duties of support.

¶10. **¶** 11.

The petition shall be verified and shall state the name and, so far as known to the **¶**petitioner *obligee*, the address and circumstances of the obligor and his or her dependents for whom support is sought and all other pertinent information. The **¶**petitioner *obligee* may include in or attach to the petition any information which may help in locating or identifying the obligor including, but without limitation by enumeration, a photograph of the obligor, a description of any distinguishing marks of his person, other names and aliases by which he has been or is known, the name of his employer, his fingerprints, or social security number.

¶12.

(a) When the Court of this State, acting as a responding state, receives from the court of an initiating state the aforesaid copies, it shall (1) docket the cause, (2) notify the State's Attorney of the jurisdiction, (3) set a time and place for a hearing, and (4) take such action as is necessary in accordance with the laws of this State to obtain jurisdiction.

(b) When any court of this State, acting as a responding State, shall receive a petition from a Court of an initiating State in any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, it shall be the duty of the State's Attorney of the jurisdiction to prosecute such cause.

(c) The court of this state acting as a responding state may, pursuant to the statement of the court of the initiating state or on its own initiative discharge all duties imposed by this Article without fees or other costs to the petitioner.

(d) If a court of this state, acting as a responding state, is unable to obtain jurisdiction of the obligor or his property due to inaccuracies or inadequacies in the petition or otherwise, the court shall communicate this fact to the court in the initiating state, shall on its own initiative use all means at its disposal to trace the obligor or his property, and shall hold the case pending the receipt of more accurate information or an amended petition from the court in the initiating state. **¶**