

12.

*The State's Attorney of Baltimore City and of the various counties, upon the request of the court or the State Department of Public Welfare, shall represent the obligee in any proceeding under this article.*

13.

*A petition on behalf of a minor obligee may be brought by a person having legal custody of the minor without appointment as guardian ad litem.*

[11.] 14.

‡(a)‡ If the Court of this State acting as an initiating state finds that the petition sets forth facts from which it may be determined that the [respondent] obligor owes a duty of support and that a court of the responding state may obtain jurisdiction of the [defendant] obligor or his property, the court shall so certify and shall cause [certified] three copies of (1) the petition, (2) the certificate and (3) this Article to be transmitted to the Court of the responding state. If the name and address of such court is unknown and the responding state has an information agency comparable to that established in the initiating state, it shall cause such copies to be transmitted to the state information agency or other proper official of the responding state, with a request that it forward them to the proper court, and that the court of the responding state acknowledge their receipt to the court of the initiating state.

‡(b). In the event the ~~petitioner~~ OBLIGEE makes oath that she is without sufficient funds to obtain personal counsel it shall be the duty of the State's Attorney of Baltimore City and Baltimore County or Worcester County or the counsel to the county COUNCIL OR COUNTY commissioners of the respective counties except in Worcester County to act, without charge to the ~~petitioner~~ OBLIGEE on behalf of the petitioner. In Wicomico County under such circumstances it is the duty of the State's Attorney to act, without charge to the ~~petitioner~~ OBLIGEE on behalf of the petitioner.

(c) The court of this state acting as an initiating state has discretion to discharge all duties imposed by this Article without fees or other costs to the ~~petitioner.~~‡ OBLIGEE.

15.

*There shall be no filing fee or other costs taxable to the obligee, but a court of this state acting either as an initiating or responding state may in its discretion direct that any part of or all fees and costs incurred in this state, including without limitation by enumeration, fees for filing, service of process, seizure of property, and stenographic service of both obligee and obligor or either, be paid by the obligor or by the county or City of Baltimore.*

16.

*When the Court of this state, acting either as an initiating or responding state, has reason to believe that the obligor may flee the jurisdiction, it may (1) as an initiating state request in its certificate that the court of the responding state obtain the body of the obligor by appropriate process if that is permissible under the law of the*