

(b) *If the obligor or his property is not found in the county or Baltimore City and the State's Attorney or counsel to the county council or county commissioners discovers by any means that the obligor or his property may be found in another county or Baltimore City in this state or in another state he shall so inform the court and thereupon the clerk of the court shall forward the documents received from the court in the initiating state to a court in the other county or Baltimore City or to a court in the other state or to the information agency or other proper official of the other state with a request that it forward the documents to the proper court. Thereupon both the court of the other county or Baltimore City and any court of this state receiving the documents and the State's Attorney ~~or counsel to the county council or county commissioners~~ have the same powers and duties under this article as if the documents had been originally addressed to them. When the clerk of a court of this state retransmits documents to another court, he shall notify forthwith the court from which the documents came.*

(c) *If the State's Attorney ~~or counsel to the county council or county commissioners~~ has no information as to the whereabouts of the obligor or his property he shall so inform the initiating court.*

20.

**[In any hearing under this law the court shall be bound by the same rules of evidence that bind the courts of common law jurisdiction in the State of Maryland.]**

*If the obligee is absent from the responding state and the obligor presents evidence which constitutes a defense, the court shall continue the case for further hearing and the submission of evidence by both parties.*

21.

*Laws attaching a privilege against the disclosure of communications between husband and wife are inapplicable to proceedings under this article. Husband and wife are competent witnesses and may be compelled to testify to any relevant matter, including marriage and parentage.*

22.

*In any hearing under this article, the court shall be bound by the same rules of evidence that bind the courts of common law jurisdiction in the State.*

**[13.] 23.**

If the court of the responding state finds a duty of support **[, under the laws of Maryland,]** it may order the obligor to furnish support or reimbursement therefor and subject the property of the obligor to such order.

**[14.] 24.**

The court of this State when acting as a responding state shall cause to be transmitted to the court of the initiating state a copy of all orders of support or for reimbursement therefor.