

person made within such time as may be determined by the Orphans' Court, by a court of law. Where such request is made before the Orphans' Court has determined the issue of fact, the Orphans' Court shall transmit the issues to a court of law. After the determination of the issue, whether by the Orphans' Court or after transmission to a court of law, the Orphans' Court shall enter an appropriate judgment or decree. This Section shall not apply where the estate is administered under the jurisdiction of a court having general equity jurisdiction.

109. Register of Wills.

The powers and duties of the Register of Wills in proceedings in the Orphans' Courts under this Article shall be the same, where appropriate to proceedings under this Article, as the powers and duties of the Registers under Article 93. The Register shall also maintain such record books as may be desirable.

Subtitle 2

Protection of Property of Minors and Disabled Persons

201. Appointment of Guardian.

Upon petition, and after such notice as may be prescribed by law or the Maryland Rules, and hearing, the Court may appoint a guardian of the property of a minor or a disabled person.

(a) *Minors.* Appointment of a guardian shall be made with respect to the estate of a minor if the Court determines (a) that a minor owns or is entitled to property that requires management or protection, or (b) that funds are needed for his support, care, welfare, and education and that protection is necessary or desirable to obtain or provide funds.

(b) *Disability other than minority.* Appointment of a guardian shall be made with respect to the estate of a person if the court determines that (a) the person is unable to manage his property and affairs effectively because of physical or mental disability, senility, or other mental weakness, disease, habitual drunkenness, addiction to drugs, imprisonment, compulsory hospitalization, confinement, detention by a foreign power, or disappearance; and (b) the person has property which may be wasted or dissipated unless proper management is provided, or that funds are needed for the support, care, welfare, and education of the person or those entitled to be supported by him and that protection is necessary or desirable to obtain or provide funds.

202. Venue.

Venue for proceedings under this Subtitle shall be:

(a) *Resident:* In the county in this State where the alleged disabled person or minor resides;

(b) *Non-resident:* If the alleged disabled person or minor does not reside in this state, in any county where he is physically present or he has property. For purposes of determining the situs of property, the situs of tangible personal property is its location; the situs of intangible personal property is the location of the instrument, if