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SUBTITLE 6. FAMILY LAW.

SEC. 3-601. ADOPTION.

A CIRCUIT COURT SITTING IN EQUITY HAS JURISDICTION IN AN ACTION FOR ADOPTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from the first sentence of Art. 16, §68. The venue provisions of this section are allocated to Title 6, (Jurisdiction, Venue, Pleading and Practice.) The substantive law of adoption is allocated to the Family Law Article of this Code.

SEC. 3-602. CUSTODY, GUARDIANSHIP, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF CHILD.

(A) IN GENERAL.

A COURT OF EQUITY HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE CUSTODY, GUARDIANSHIP, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPORT OF A CHILD. IN EXERCISING ITS JURISDICTION, THE COURT MAY:

(1) DIRECT WHO SHALL HAVE THE CUSTODY OR GUARDIANSHIP OF A CHILD;

(2) DECIDE WHO SHALL BE CHARGED WITH THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF A CHILD, PENDENTE LITE OR PERMANENTLY; OR

(3) FROM TIME TO TIME SET ASIDE OR MODIFY ITS DECREE OR ORDER CONCERNING THE CHILD.

(B) JURISDICTION OF JUVENILE OR CRIMINAL COURT NOT AFFECTED.

NOTHING IN THIS SECTION TAKES AWAY OR IMPAIRS THE JURISDICTION OF THE JUVENILE COURT OR CRIMINAL COURT WITH RESPECT TO THE CUSTODY, GUARDIANSHIP, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPORT OF A CHILD.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 16, §66(a). The remaining subsections of §66 are allocated to the Family Law Article or Title 6 (Jurisdiction, Venue, Process and Practice). The provision dealing with where persons may file a petition with