

(B) THESE PROVISIONS SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO ACCOMPLISH THESE PURPOSES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 26, § 74. The only changes made are in style.

SEC. 4-503. APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES.

THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL DESIGNATE TWO JUDGES SITTING IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT WHOSE PRIMARY DUTY SHALL BE THE HANDLING OF JUVENILE CAUSES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 26, § 73. Art. 26, §73 is proposed for repeal. Art. 26, §§72 and 145(d), giving the District Court jurisdiction in juvenile causes, now appear, in substance, as §§ 1-604 and 4-403, respectively, of this article, and are proposed for repeal.

SEC. 4-504. JURISDICTION OVER JUVENILES.

(A) EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THE COURT HAS EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION IN PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING ANY CHILD WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY WHO IS ALLEGED TO BE DELINQUENT, DEPENDENT, NEGLECTED, OR IN NEED OF SUPERVISION.

(B) POWERS OF COURT.

AFTER GIVING THE PARENTS A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AND UNLESS THE CHILD IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE, THE COURT MAY:

(1) DETERMINE WHO WILL HAVE CUSTODY OF THE PERSON OF THE CHILD AND THE RIGHTS OF THE PARENTS; OR

(2) ORDER EITHER OF THE PARENTS TO PAY FOR THE CHILD'S SUPPORT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART; OR BOTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 26, §76(a). Art. 26,