

(c) (1) In any civil action for [child] support [payments] brought under this section, the [division] BUREAU shall be represented (a) by the Attorney General or by any legal officer of the Social Services Administration who is a qualified attorney and who is appointed by and subject to supervision and removal by the Attorney General or (b) as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) In accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection; Article 16, §66C; and Article 89C, §§14(b), 18(a), and [34] 33A, the [division] BUREAU or a person whom the [division] BUREAU approves for child support services shall be represented during any fiscal year by the State's attorney for the local subdivision in which the bill or the petition is filed if, before September 1 of the previous year, the State's attorney elects in writing to assume the responsibility for representation. The State's attorney shall enter into an agreement with the county and the Secretary of Human Resources for representation to be provided and reimbursement for the representation. The agreement shall establish reasonable administrative and fiscal requirements and conditions for providing and continuing representation and for reimbursement.

(d) If in the judgment of the Secretary of Human Resources a local department of social services has demonstrated that it is capable of carrying out any responsibility of the [division] BUREAU, and a delegation of such responsibility is consistent with departmental guidelines, the Secretary shall, if requested by the local government, delegate it to the local department for so long as such conditions are met.

#### Article 16 - Chancery

66B.

(b) A bill or petition may not be filed or received by the clerk of the court if the consent or authorization of the State's attorney for the county or city where the same is to be filed is not attached unless:

(1) The court directs otherwise after being satisfied by such affidavits and testimony as the court deems sufficient that the complaint is bona fide and meritorious; or

(2) The bill or petition is filed on behalf of the division BUREAU of child support enforcement AND DOMESTIC COLLECTIONS of the Social Services Administration.

66C.

(a) If the complainant or petitioner is the division BUREAU of child support enforcement AND DOMESTIC COLLECTIONS of the Social Services Administration or a person whom the division BUREAU approves for child support services, the