

(9) ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES,

~~(10) -- THE RESPECTIVE RIGHTS -- OF -- THE -- PARTIES -- TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS,~~

~~(11) -- (10) THE ABILITY OF THE PARTY FROM WHOM ALIMONY IS SOUGHT TO MEET HIS OR HER NEEDS WHILE MEETING THOSE OF THE PARTY SEEKING ALIMONY; AND~~

~~(12) (11) SUCH OTHER FACTORS AS THE COURT DEEMS IT NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT A FAIR AND EQUITABLE AWARD OF ALIMONY.~~

(C) IN AWARDING ALIMONY, THE COURT:

(1) SHALL DETERMINE THE PERIOD DURING WHICH ALIMONY SHALL BE PAID, AT THE CONCLUSION OF WHICH NO ADDITIONAL ALIMONY SHALL ACCRUE, EXCEPT THAT IN CASE OF CIRCUMSTANCES ARISING DURING THAT PERIOD, THE COURT MAY UPON APPLICATION FILED DURING THE PERIOD EXTEND THE PERIOD TO AVOID A HARSH AND INEQUITABLE RESULT. THE COURT MAY AWARD ALIMONY FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD WHEN IT FINDS AS A FACT THAT:

(I) THE PARTY SEEKING ALIMONY, BY REASON OF AGE, ILLNESS, INFIRMITY, OR DISABILITY, CANNOT REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD BECOMING SELF-SUPPORTING; OR

(II) EVEN AFTER THE RECEIVING PARTY WILL HAVE MADE AS MUCH PROGRESS TOWARD SELF-SUPPORT AS CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED, THE RESPECTIVE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF THE TWO PARTIES WILL BE UNCONSCIONABLY DISPARATE.

(D) A MARYLAND COURT MAY EXERCISE THE POWERS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE AFTER A DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT HAS BEEN GRANTED BY A COURT OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION, IF THE COURT OF THE OTHER JURISDICTION LACKED OR DID NOT EXERCISE PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER THE PARTY REQUESTING ALIMONY IN THE MARYLAND COURT AND THE REQUESTING PARTY HAS BEEN DOMICILED IN THIS STATE AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE GRANTING OF THE DECREE.

(E) THE COURT MAY AWARD ALIMONY PENDENTE LITE.

2.

(A) THE COURT MAY AT ANY TIME ORDER THAT ALIMONY PAYMENTS BE MADE TO ANY DESIGNATED GOVERNMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO RECEIVE THEM, OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ORGANIZATION DESIGNATED BY THE COURT AS TRUSTEE OR GUARDIAN, FOR REMITTANCE TO THE PERSON ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE PAYMENTS.

(B) THE DESIGNEE SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS LISTING THE AMOUNTS OF PAYMENTS, THE DATE OR DATES PAYMENTS ARE REQUIRED