

list of jurors so summoned, and the trial before said jury, including instructions to the jury, motions for new trial, and judgment N.O.V. and matters which may be considered on appeal, shall proceed as far as practical in accordance with the statutes, rules, and practice pertaining to the selection and empanelling of jurors and trial before juries in other civil cases, except to the extent otherwise provided for in this subsection or elsewhere in this subtitle. The sole question to be submitted for determination by the jury shall be whether the defendant is or is not the father of the child or children. No comment or reference shall be made or permitted with respect to the defendant's failure to testify.

66M.

The clerks of the circuit courts [of the counties and the Circuit Court No. 2 of the City of Baltimore] shall keep and maintain a docket known as "paternity docket," in which shall be kept all records, proceedings, and order pertaining to each case pursuant to this subtitle.

197.

(a) A certified copy of a custody decree of another state may be filed in the office of the clerk of any circuit court of any county [or the appropriate court of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City]. The clerk shall treat the decree in the same manner as a custody decree of such court. A custody decree so filed has the same effect and shall be enforced in like manner as a custody decree rendered by a court of this State.

198.

(a) The clerks of the circuit courts [of the counties and the appropriate courts of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City] shall maintain a registry in which [he] THEY shall enter the following:

(1) Certified copies of custody decrees of other states received for filing;

(2) Communications as to the pendency of custody proceedings in other states;

(3) Communications concerning a finding of inconvenient forum by a court of another state; and

(4) Other communications or documents concerning custody proceedings in another state which may affect the jurisdiction of a court of this State or the disposition to be made by it in a custody proceeding.

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