

FOR the purpose of providing that in Prince George's County the judges may not appoint masters for juvenile causes, except for certain hearings in delinquency cases and certain hearings in child in need of assistance cases; and providing that a master may not conduct certain hearings in delinquency cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-813(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-813.

(a) (1) The judges of a circuit court may not appoint a master for juvenile causes unless the appointment and the appointee are approved by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. [After July 1, 1978 the judges of the Circuit Court of Prince George's County may not appoint or continue the appointment of masters for juvenile causes, except for the purpose of conducting probable cause hearings, detention hearings, arraignments, and restitution hearings. In Prince George's County, a master may not conduct adjudicatory or disposition hearings.] The standards expressed in § 3-803, with respect to the assignment of judges, are applicable to the appointment of masters. A master, at the time of his appointment and thereafter during his service as a master, shall be a member in good standing of the Maryland Bar.

(2) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, THE JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT MAY NOT APPOINT OR CONTINUE THE APPOINTMENT OF MASTERS FOR JUVENILE CAUSES, EXCEPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS, DETENTION HEARINGS, ARRAIGNMENTS, AND RESTITUTION HEARINGS IN DELINQUENCY CASES, AND SHELTER CARE AND ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS IN CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE CASES. A MASTER MAY NOT CONDUCT ADJUDICATORY OR DISPOSITION HEARINGS IN DELINQUENCY CASES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

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