

(1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;

(2) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, IF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY HAS ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPRESENTATION UNDER TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(3) A QUALIFIED LAWYER REPRESENTING THE ADMINISTRATION WHO IS APPOINTED BY AND SUBJECT TO SUPERVISION AND REMOVAL BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(B) COURT COSTS.

A COMPLAINANT UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO PREPAY COURT COSTS.

(C) POWERS OF COUNSEL.

IF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR A QUALIFIED LAWYER APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTS THE COMPLAINANT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE LAWYER HAS THE POWERS GRANTED TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY UNDER §§ 5-1016, 5-1019, 5-1020, AND 5-1021 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 16, § 66C and former Article 88A, § 59(c)(1) and the first sentence of (2).

In the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the former word "petitioner" is deleted as repetitious of the word "complainant".

In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the word "representing" is substituted for the former word "of". This substitution reflects the fact that, in at least 1 county, representation of the Administration is contracted out to private counsel.

Also in subsection (a)(3) of this section, reference to the Administration is substituted for the former reference to the Social Services Administration in light of Article 88A, § 1A(a) and Ch. 61, Acts of 1983.

In subsection (c) of this section, the former word "authority" is deleted as repetitious of "powers".

Defined term: "Administration" § 5-1001

5-1012. ANSWER.

(A) IN GENERAL.

AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE CASE IS CALLED FOR TRIAL, THE DEFENDANT MAY FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT.