

(b) Petitions alleging delinquency or violation of Section 3-831 shall be prepared and filed by the State's Attorney. A petition alleging delinquency shall be filed within 30 days after the receipt of a referral from the intake officer, UNLESS THAT TIME IS EXTENDED BY THE COURT FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN. All other petitions shall be prepared and filed by the intake officer.

(c) The form of petitions and all other pleadings, and except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the procedures to be followed by the court, shall be as specified in the Maryland Rules.

(d) The State's Attorney, upon assigning [his] THE reasons, may dismiss in open court a petition alleging delinquency.

(e) The court shall conduct all hearings in an informal manner. It may exclude the general public from a hearing, and admit only those persons having a direct interest in the proceeding and their representatives.

(f) The court shall try cases without a jury.

(g) Whenever a child in need of assistance petition is filed at the request of the local department of social services, the local department shall be a party to the proceeding and shall present to the court the evidence in support of the petition.

(h) The court shall hear and rule on a petition seeking an order for emergency medical treatment on an expedited basis.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.

CHAPTER 708

(House Bill 939)

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County - Salaries - Local Officials

FOR the purpose of altering, for Garrett County, the salaries of the County Commissioners, the County Treasurer, the judges of the Orphans' Court, the Sheriff, and the substitute members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections; altering the salary of the State's Attorney for Garrett County and the minimum salary of an Assistant State's Attorney;