- (1) {as to criminal proceedings, the District Court and any other court in this State that exercises criminal jurisdiction over the enforcement of laws respecting duties of support;
- (2) as to civil proceedings, the circuit court for any county and juvenile courts having jurisdiction over the civil enforcement of laws respecting duties of support] THE FAMILY COURT; and
- {(3)}(2) as to proceedings in another state, the court of any other state as defined in a substantially similar reciprocal law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 1.605 through 1.608, 3.804 through 3.810.1, 3.814 through 3.831, 3.834 through 3.837, and 4.405, respectively, of Article—Courts and Judicial Proceedings of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s).1.604 through 1.607, 3.803 through 3.810, 3.813 through 3.835, and 4.403, respectively.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with this Act, are repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that judges appointed to the Family Court shall:

- (1) Have the temperament necessary to deal properly with the cases and families likely to come before the court; and
- (2) Have special experience or training in family law or juvenile causes and the problems of families and children likely to come before the court.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure review the Maryland Rules and recommend any changes necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference, the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall propose the correction of cross references that are rendered incorrect by this Act.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the passage of this Act is contingent on the passage of Chapter _____ (S.B. ____/H.B._____)(3lr0685) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1993, a Constitutional Amendment, and its ratification by the voters of the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

- (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:
- (1) family, domestic, and juvenile matters be treated in the judicial system as equally importantly as other matters, both civil and criminal;