

Article – Family Law

5-1021.

(a) In connection with a pretrial inquiry under this subtitle, the State's Attorney may request any individual summoned to the pretrial inquiry to submit to a blood OR GENETIC test.

(b) If the individual refuses the State's Attorney's request to submit to a blood OR GENETIC test, the State's Attorney may apply to the circuit court for an order that directs the individual to submit to the test.

5-1024.

(a) If a defendant fails to appear after being summoned or after giving bond as required by § 5-1014 of this subtitle, the court, in the absence of the defendant, ~~[may]~~ SHALL SHALL, UNLESS THERE IS GOOD CAUSE TO THE CONTRARY:

- (1) proceed with the hearing on the complaint; and
- (2) [pass any order that is just and proper]

(I) ISSUE A DEFAULT JUDGMENT ADJUDICATING PATERNITY IF THE COURT IS SATISFIED BY THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY THE PETITIONER, ~~OR; OR~~

(II) PASS ANY OTHER ORDER THAT IS JUST AND PROPER.

(b) ~~An~~ ANY order passed under subsection (a) of this section shall be binding on and enforceable against the defendant as if the defendant were present at the hearing.

(c) If a defendant fails to appear after being summoned or after giving bond as required by § 5-1014 of this subtitle, bond shall be forfeited and applied to the payment of any obligation imposed by an order passed in the proceeding.

(d) If a defendant fails to appear after being properly summoned or after giving bond as required by § 5-1014 of this subtitle, the defendant remains subject to arrest and whatever other disposition the court may order.

5-1029.

~~(e) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this subsection, the laboratory report of the blood test shall be received in evidence if:~~

- ~~(i) definite exclusion is established; or~~
- ~~(ii) the testing is sufficiently extensive to exclude 97.3% of alleged fathers who are not biological fathers, and the statistical probability of the alleged father's paternity is at least 97.3%.~~

~~(2) A laboratory report is prima facie evidence of the results of a blood test.~~

~~(3) (i) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the laboratory report of the blood test is admissible in evidence without the presence of a doctor or technician from the laboratory that prepared the report if the report:~~