

(d) ~~"Court" means the District Court or a circuit court in this State.~~

(e) ~~"DATING RELATIONSHIP" MEANS A SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP OF A ROMANTIC NATURE WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP.~~

(F) ~~"Emergency family maintenance" means a monetary award given to or for a person eligible for relief to whom the respondent has a duty of support under this article based on:~~

(1) ~~the financial needs of the person eligible for relief; and~~

(2) ~~the resources available to the person eligible for relief and the respondent.~~

~~[(f)]~~ (G) ~~"Home" means the property in this State that:~~

(1) ~~is the principal residence of a person eligible for relief; and~~

(2) ~~is owned, rented, or leased by the person eligible for relief or respondent or, in a petition alleging child abuse or abuse of a vulnerable adult, an adult living in the home at the time of a proceeding under this subtitle.~~

~~[(g)]~~ (H) ~~"Local department" means the local department of social services that has jurisdiction in the county:~~

(1) ~~where the home is located; or~~

(2) ~~if different, where the abuse is alleged to have taken place.~~

~~[(h)]~~ (I) ~~"Person eligible for relief" includes:~~

(1) ~~the current or former spouse of the respondent;~~

(2) ~~a cohabitant of the respondent;~~

(3) ~~a person related to the respondent by blood, marriage, or adoption;~~

(4) ~~a parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of the respondent or the person eligible for relief who resides or resided with the respondent or person eligible for relief for at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition;~~

(5) ~~a vulnerable adult; [or]~~

(6) ~~an individual who has a child in common with the respondent; OR~~

(7) ~~A PERSON WHOM THE COURT DETERMINES IS IN A DATING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RESPONDENT OR WHO HAS HAD A DATING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RESPONDENT, AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:~~

(I) ~~THE LENGTH OF THE RELATIONSHIP;~~

(II) ~~THE NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP; OR~~

(III) ~~THE FREQUENCY OF INTERACTION.~~

~~[(i)]~~ (J) (1) ~~"Petitioner" means an individual who files a petition.~~