

FOR the purpose of permitting a judge of the Baltimore City Orphans' Court, who is an attorney, to take certain actions on behalf of the court; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the Orphans' Court of Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Estates and Trusts

Section 2-106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1974 Volume and 1990 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Estates and Trusts

2-106.

(a) Except as provided in this section and unless a different time is prescribed by local law, the court shall be held in each county at the usual place of holding court in the county, on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October, and December, and more often if need be, according to its own adjournment. One of the judges of the court, in the absence of the others, shall have power to hold court at a stated time of adjournment only for the purpose of adjourning. Two judges shall have full power to do an act which the court is or may be authorized by law to perform, and two of them shall have power to hold court on a day not named in an adjournment, on the application of a person having pressing business in the court, if notice be given to any interested person, and the register records that notice has been given. One of the judges, in the absence of the others on account of prolonged illness, or in case of vacancy, shall have full power to do an act which the court is authorized by law to do, provided there is attached to the proceedings or papers in each case a certificate signed by the register, certifying to the vacancy or prolonged illness of the judge or judges not attending court on that day. If the court does not meet on a day fixed for its meeting and is not adjourned as provided, the register shall adjourn the court from day to day until a meeting is had according to law.

(b) (1) The sessions of the court in Baltimore City shall continue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., if necessary for the transaction of the business of the court.

(2) (I) IN BALTIMORE CITY, A JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT, WHO IS AN ATTORNEY, HAS THE POWER TO DO ANY ACT WHICH THE COURT IS OR MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PERFORM, INCLUDING THE POWER TO HOLD COURT ON A DAY NOT NAMED IN AN ADJOURNMENT.

(II) ON REQUEST OF ANY INTERESTED PARTY FILED WITHIN THE TIME DETERMINED BY THE COURT, TWO JUDGES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ACT FOR THE COURT.