

(5) The Chief Judge of the District Court may authorize one or more commissioners to perform the duties of a commissioner regarding persons arrested in a county other than the county in which the commissioner resides and for which the commissioner was appointed when the arrested persons are brought before the commissioner by a peace officer of the jurisdiction in which that arrest was made.

(d) (1) The authority under this subsection applies only to a respondent who is an adult.

(2) A commissioner may issue an interim order for protection of a person eligible for relief in accordance with § 4-504.1 of the Family Law Article or a petitioner in accordance with § 3-1503.1 of this article.

(e) [(1)] Notwithstanding the residence requirements set out in subsection (b) of this section, the Chief Judge of the District Court **OR A DESIGNEE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT** may assign a commissioner of the District Court to serve temporarily in [a] ANY county [that is contiguous to the commissioner's county of residence].

(2) A designation made under this subsection may only be made in extraordinary circumstances and may not exceed 30 days.

(f) Notwithstanding the residence requirement of subsection (b)(1) of this section, a commissioner who is designated by the Chief Judge of the District Court as the supervising commissioner of a multicounty district is authorized to perform the duties of a commissioner in any county of the multicounty district and to assign any other commissioner from that district to perform duties within any county of that district that is contiguous to the county in which the commissioner resides].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2008.

CHAPTER 41

(House Bill 88)

AN ACT concerning