

disposition over such property by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise by said adopted child.

Neither by virtue of this section nor of sec. 83 is a child adopted by "A" under sec. 78, entitled to take under a will whereby certain property is left to the testatrix's son "A" for life and after his death to his children equally, and if there are no children then to "the right heirs" of the testatrix. *Eureka Life Ins. Co. v. Geis*, 121 Md. 199.

This section referred to in holding that an illegitimate child was not entitled to workmen's compensation benefits—see notes to art. 101, sec. 80. *Scott v. Independent Ice Co.*, 135 Md. 350 (decided prior to the act of 1920, ch. 456).

Aunt of deceased mother of child not entitled to adopt child over objection of father even though not in position at time to provide home for it. *Connelly v. Jones*, 165 Md. 546.

Cited but not construed in *Victory Sparkler Co. v. Gilbert*, 160 Md. 184.

See notes to sec. 79.

Cited in *Waller v. Ellis*, 169 Md. 23.

See notes to sec. 78.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 77. 1912, sec. 75. 1904, sec. 71. 1892, ch. 244, sec. 62D.

82. If the petition contains a prayer to that effect, the court may also decree that the name of the child be changed.

As to proceedings for change of name, see sec. 118.

See notes to sec. 79.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 78. 1912, sec. 76. 1904, sec. 72. 1892, ch. 244, sec. 62E.

83. The term "child" or its equivalent in a deed, grant, will or other written instrument shall be held to include any child adopted by the person executing the same, unless the contrary plainly appears by the term thereof, whether such instrument be executed before or after the adoption.

See notes to sec. 79.

See notes to sec. 81.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 79. 1912, sec. 77. 1904, sec. 73. 1892, ch. 244, sec. 62F.

84. Any inhabitant of any other State adopted as a child in accordance with the laws thereof shall upon proof of such fact be entitled in this State to the same rights of inheritance and distribution as he or she would have enjoyed in the State where adopted except in so far as they may conflict with the provisions of the five preceding sections.

See notes to sec. 79.

Child adopted under this and preceding sections has status of natural child of adoptive parents. *Spencer v. Franks*, 173 Md. 82.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 80. 1920, ch. 573, sec. 77A.

85. The several equity courts of this State shall have original jurisdiction in all cases relating to the custody or guardianship of children and may on bill or petition filed by the father or mother or relative or next of kin or next friend of any child or children to direct who shall have the custody or guardianship of such child or children, and who shall be charged with his, her or their support and maintenance, and may from time to time thereafter annul, vary or modify its decree or order in relating to such child or children, provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to take away or impair the jurisdiction of the several Juvenile Courts in this State and of the Juvenile Court of Baltimore City in cases relating to dependent or delinquent children, or be taken or construed to repeal or modify the provisions of Section 21 of Article 42 of the Code of Public General Laws.

Where a wife has ample means of her own alimony *pendente lite* will not be awarded, although there are infant children; this section inapplicable. *Hood v. Hood*, 138 Md. 362.

The power conferred on equity courts by this section should be exercised with paramount purpose of securing the welfare and promoting the best interest of the children. *Barnard v. Godfrey*, 157 Md. 265.