

7. (*Duty of petitioners' representatives.*) *It shall be the duty of all petitioners' representatives of this state to appear in this state on behalf of and represent the petitioner in every proceeding pursuant to this Article, at the time the petition is filed and at all stages of the proceeding thereafter, and to obtain and present such evidence or proof as may be required by the court in the initiating state or the responding state.*

8. (*Construction of Article.*) *This Article shall be construed to furnish an additional or alternative civil remedy and shall in no way affect or impair any other remedy, civil or criminal, provided in any other statute and available to the petitioner in relation to the same subject matter.*

9. (*Uniformity of interpretation.*) *This Article shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of the states which enact it.*

10. (*Separability.*) *If any part of this Article or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of the Article or the application thereof to other persons and circumstances.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1950.*

Approved March 28, 1950.

CHAPTER 14

(Senate Bill 18)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 38 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department", providing that a decree for payment of support for wife or children, or for alimony, shall not constitute a debt within the meaning of said section, and providing for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland (three-fifths of all members elected to each of the two*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.