

48B. When used in this sub-title, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Court" means the Circuit Court of the county, sitting for juvenile causes.

(b) "Judge" means a Judge of the Circuit Court exercising the jurisdiction in juvenile causes herein conferred.

(c) "Child" means a person under the age of eighteen (18) years who is within the jurisdiction of the Court.

(d) "Dependent child" means a child who has been deprived of support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, physical or mental incapacity, or poverty of his parent or guardian.

(e) "Delinquent child" means a child (1) who violates any law or ordinance, or who commits any act which, if committed by an adult, would be a crime not punishable by death or life imprisonment; (2) who is incorrigible or ungovernable or habitually disobedient or who is beyond the control of his parents, guardian, custodian or other lawful authority; (3) who is habitually a truant; (4) who without just cause and without the consent of his parents, guardian or other custodian, repeatedly deserts his home or place of abode; (5) who is engaged in any occupation which is in violation of law, or who associates with immoral or vicious persons; or (6) who so deports himself as to injure or endanger the morals of himself or others.

(f) "Neglected child" means a child (1) who is without proper guardianship; (2) whose parent, guardian or person with whom the child lives, by reason of cruelty, mental incapacity, immorality or depravity, is unfit to care properly for such a child; (3) who is under unlawful or improper care, supervision, custody or restraint, by any person, corporation, agency, association, institution or other organization or who is unlawfully kept out of school; (4) whose parent, guardian or custodian neglects or refuses, when able to do so, to provide necessary medical, surgical, institutional or hospital care for such child; or (5) who is in such condition of want or suffering, or is under such improper guardianship or control, or is engaged in such occupation as to injure or endanger the morals or health of himself or others.

(g) "Feeble-minded child" means a child who has a level of intelligence sufficiently low that he is unable to compete with his fellows on equal terms or to manage his affairs with ordinary prudence.

48C. Except as otherwise provided herein the Judge shall have (a) original, exclusive jurisdiction concerning any child who is dependent, delinquent, neglected or feeble-minded; (b) original jurisdiction to determine paternity of such a child in