

an order of the Juvenile Causes Master for Prince George's County shall be ratified.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Prince George's County  
Section 47-1

Article 17 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement, as  
amended by Chapter 337 of the Acts of 1973.)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 47-1 of the Public Local Laws of Prince George's County being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement, as amended by Chapter 337 of the Acts of 1973) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 17

47-1.

The Circuit Court for Prince George's County may designate and employ one or more persons to be known as Masters for Juvenile Causes of the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, who shall be members of the Bar of the State of Maryland at an annual salary to be established and paid by the County Executive and County Council after consultation with the County Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court. The duties of the Masters for Juvenile Causes shall be as prescribed by the Judges of the Circuit Court including, but not limited to, the authority to order temporary detention and commitment and, if appropriate, to require security for the appearance of any respondent. Any order of commitment must be ratified by a Judge of the Circuit Court within [ninety-six (96) hours] 30 DAYS or it shall expire, and nothing herein contained may be construed to permit a Master of said Court to order further commitment. In all cases, proceedings before the Master shall be recorded by stenographic transcript or mechanical recording and the record shall be filed with the case. In delinquency cases, any party as defined in Article 26, Section 70-1 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, aggrieved by a finding of fact of the Master, may note an exception to the finding within ten days. The case shall be heard de novo by a Judge of the Circuit Court. In all other cases, any party as well as the petitioner, aggrieved by a finding of fact of the Master, may note an exception to the finding within ten days. Exceptions to findings of fact shall be ruled on by a Judge of the Circuit Court after