

4433

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR  
Escambia COUNTY, FLORIDA

Hannah Bell,  
Plaintiff,  
  
-VS-  
James Bell,  
Defendant.

A TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL  
LANGLEY BELL  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
BY [Signature]  
D. C.

Comes now the plaintiff, Hannah Bell, and  
brings this her bill of complaint against the defendant, \_\_\_\_\_  
James Bell, and complaining says:

1. That the plaintiff is a resident and citizen of the  
County of Escambia, State of Florida, and is at present  
residing at Route 2, Box 221, Escambia, Florida,  
and she is over (under) the age of twenty-one years. That the  
plaintiff was married to the defendant on March 12, 1946,  
at Mobile, Alabama.

2. That the plaintiff is the mother of and the defendant  
is the father of the following named children, to-wit: (give names  
and birth dates) Jacqueline Bell, born 4/6/1945; Eddie Bell,  
born 8/26/47; Carolyn Bell, born 12/2/48;  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

That the plaintiff and the said children are in need of and are en-  
titled to support from the defendant under the provisions of the  
State of Florida Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act,  
and that the said children are in the custody of the plaintiff  
and are residing with the plaintiff at the home of the plaintiff  
in Escambia County, Florida.

3. That the plaintiff and the defendant are (are not)  
divorced; that said divorce was granted on \_\_\_\_\_,  
in \_\_\_\_\_, and since that time the defendant  
has refused and neglected to provide support for the plaintiff  
and the said children according to the means of his earnings.

4. That at the time of the divorce the defendant was ordered to pay support to the plaintiff for the support of the above named children the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars per month (week).

5. That upon information obtained the plaintiff is advised and believes that the defendant is now domiciled and residing in Point Clear, Alabama, which State has enacted a law substantially similar and reciprocal to the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act of the State of Florida.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for such an order of support, directed to the said defendant, as shall be deemed to be fair and reasonable, and for such other and further relief as the law provides.

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PLAINTIFF

STATE OF FLORIDA, )  
COUNTY OF Escambia .)

Hannah Bell being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is the plaintiff in the above cause and has read the foregoing and that the contents thereof are true and correct of her own knowledge, except as to the matters therein alleged to be state on her information and belief, and as to those matters she believes the same to be true.

Hannah Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 13th day of October,  
A. D., 19 58.

Ernie S. Petrich  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
AT LARGE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: August 7, 1961

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of Pensacola,

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WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that the petition be filed in the proper Court in the State of Alabama, without payment of a filing fee or other costs.

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PETITIONER

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Eunice A. Petrich   
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA AT  
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1. That on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 19 58, a complaint was verified by the above named plaintiff and duly filed in this Court in a proceeding against the above named defendant, commenced under the provisions of the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act to compel the support of the dependents named in the complaint.

2. That the above named defendant is believed to be residing or domiciled at the following address: Point Clear, Alabama.

3. That the undersigned Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, State of Florida, has examined the plaintiff under oath and she has reaffirmed the allegations contained in the complaint and that according to the testimony of the plaintiff the needs of the dependents named in the complaint for support from the defendant are the sum of \$10.00 per week Dollars.

4. That in the opinion of the undersigned the defendant should be compelled to answer such complaint and be dealt with according to law.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that this Certificate, in triplicate, together with three copies of the complaint and three copies of Chapter 29901 of the General Laws of the State of Florida, being The Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, be transmitted to the proper Court in Alabama.

This the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, A. D., 19 58.

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LANGLY BELL

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

BY Jim Kemp  
D. C.

/S/ H. B. CROSBY

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND  
FOR Escambia COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CERTIFICATE

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto sign my name and affix the seal of said Court this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, A. D., 19 58.

Langley Bell  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND  
FOR Escambia COUNTY, Florida.

I, Langley H. B. Crosby Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, do hereby certify that Langley Bell, whose name is above written and subscribed, is and was at the date thereof the Clerk of said Court, duly appointed and sworn, and keeper of the records and seal thereof, and that the above certificate by him made and his attestation or record thereof is in due form of law.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, A. D., 19 58.

A. H. Crosby  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND  
FOR Escambia COUNTY, FLORIDA

I, Langley Bell, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, and keeper of the seal thereof, do hereby certify that the Honorable H. B. Crosby, whose name is within written and subscribed was on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November ~~October~~, A. D., 19 58, and now is Judge of the said Court, and duly holds that office according to the laws of the State of Florida; and that I am well acquainted with his handwriting and official signature and know and certify the same within written to be his.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereby sign and affix the seal of said Court at the City of Pensacola in said State and County this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November ~~October~~, A. D., 19 58

*Langley Bell*

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR Escambia COUNTY, FLORIDA

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BY Lisa Kemp

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and she is over (under) the age of twenty-one years. That the  
plaintiff was married to the defendant on March 13, 1945,  
at Mobile, Alabama.

2. That the plaintiff is the mother of and the defendant  
is the father of the following named children, to-wit: (give names  
and birth dates) Jacqueline Bell, born 4/6/1945; Eddie Bell,  
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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Moore Ptg. Co.

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

}

Circuit Court, Baldwin County

No. 4433

----- TERM, 19-----

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon James Bell

to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the complaint filed in  
the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, at Bay Minette, against

James Bell, Defendant

by Hannah Bell, Plaintiff

Witness my hand this 13th day of November 1958.

*Alice J. [Signature]* Clerk



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The State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

HANNAH BELL

Plaintiffs

vs.

JAMES BELL

Defendants

Summons and Complaint

Filed 11-13- 19 58

Alice J. Duck Clerk

Plaintiff's Attorney

Defendant's Attorney

Defendant lives at

St. Clair

Received In Office

11/13 19 58

\_\_\_\_\_, Sheriff

I have executed this summons

this 17 Nov 19 58

by leaving a copy with

JAMES BELL

Sheriff claims 20 miles at

Ten Cents per mile Total \$ 2.00

TAYLOR WILKINS, Sheriff

BY Taylor Wilkins  
DEPUTY SHERIFF

Taylor Wilkins Sheriff

T. J. Lewis Deputy Sheriff

at Point Clair

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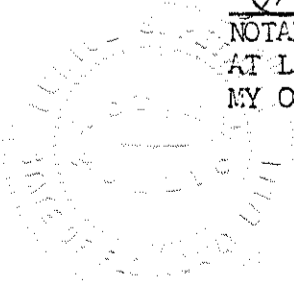
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR Escambia COUNTY, FLORIDA

# LANGLEY BELL

CLERK CIRCUIT COURT  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

November 12th, 1958.

Honorable Clerk,  
Circuit Court in Equity,  
Baldwin County,  
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Hannah Bell  
vs  
James Bell

Enclosed please find three certified copies of the complaint which has been filed in our Court in the above styled cause along with three true copies of the order of transmittal by our Circuit Judge, Honorable H. B. Crosby. The enclosures are forwarded to you under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act of the State of Florida in accordance with the Uniform Support Act of the State of Alabama.

According to the information furnished to this office by the complaint, the defendant, James Bell, is now residing at Point Clear, Alabama.

In behalf of the Circuit Court of Escambia County, Florida, I ask that appropriate proceedings be instituted in your Court for the enforcement of support of the minor children of the parties by the defendant, James Bell. If there are any questions with regard to the matter, kindly let me know. I thank you for your very kind cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

LANGLEY BELL  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of  
Escambia County, Florida

By *Lois Kemp*  
(Mrs.) Lois Kemp  
Deputy Clerk

HANNAH BELL  
COMPLAINANT

VS.

JAMES BELL  
RESPONDENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

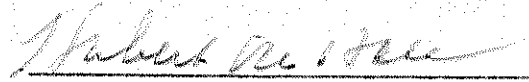
IN EQUITY, CASE NO. 4433

D E C R E E

It appearing to the Court that the above cause is inactive, upon consideration, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that said cause be and hereby is transferred to the inactive docket of this Court, and

It further appearing to the Court that the execution for costs against the Defendant was returned by the Sheriff of this County, "No Property Found", it is therefore, ORDERED and DECREED by the Court that the costs be and hereby are now taxed against the State of Alabama pursuant of Section 119, (b), Title 34, 1955 Cumulative Pocket Parts, Code of Alabama.

This 5th day of January, 1962.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.



March 24, 1960

Honorable Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Baldwin County  
Baldwin County Courthouse  
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Sir:

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If there are any questions with regard to this matter, kindly let me know. I thank you for your very kind cooperation in this matter.

Yours very truly,

LANGLEY BELL, CLERK

By: *Lis Keen*  
Deputy Clerk

cc: Judge Theodore F. Bruno  
Court of Record, Juvenile Div.  
Escambia County Courthouse Annex  
Pensacola, Florida

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Hannah Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 8 day of March,

A. D., 19 62.

J. J. Kemp Clerk Circuit Court  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
AT LARGE  
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Hannah Bell  
PETITIONER

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this the 8 day of March,

A. D., 19 60.

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA AT  
LARGE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHAPTER 88

## UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT LAW

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88.011 Short title.—This chapter may be cited as the "uniform reciprocal enforcement of support law."

History.—Comp. §1, ch. 29901, 1955.

88.021 Purposes.—The purposes of this chapter are to improve and extend by reciprocal legislation the enforcement of duties of support and to make uniform the law with respect thereto.

History.—Comp. §2, ch. 29901, 1955.

88.031 Definitions.—As used in this chapter unless the context requires otherwise,

(1) "State" includes any state, territory or possession of the United States and the district of Columbia in which this or a substantially similar reciprocal law has been enacted.

(2) "Initiating state" means any state in which a proceeding pursuant to this or a substantially similar reciprocal law is commenced.

(3) "Responding state" means any state in which any proceeding pursuant to the proceeding in the initiating state is or may be commenced.

(4) "Court" means the circuit court of this state and when the context requires, means the court of any other state as defined in a substantially similar reciprocal law.

(5) "Law" includes both common and statute law.

(6) "Duty of support" includes any duty of support imposed or imposable by law, or by any court order, decree or judgment, whether interlocutory or final, whether incidental to a proceeding for divorce, judicial separation, separate maintenance or otherwise.

(7) "Obligor" means any person owing a duty of support.

(8) "Obligee" means any person to whom a duty of support is owed.

History.—Comp. §3, ch. 29901, 1955.

88.041 Remedies additional to those now existing.—The remedies herein provided are

in addition to and not in substitution for any other remedies.

History.—Comp. §4, ch. 29901, 1955.

88.051 Extent of duties of support.—Duties of support arising under the law of this state, when applicable under §88.081, bind the obligor, present in this state, regardless of the presence or residence of the obligee.

History.—Comp. §5, ch. 29901, 1955.

88.061 Interstate rendition.—The governor of this state may demand from the governor of any other state the surrender of any person found in such other state who is charged in this state with the crime of failing to provide for the support of any person in this state and may surrender on demand by the governor of any other state any person found in this state who is charged in such other state with the crime of failing to provide for the support of a person in such other state. The provisions for extradition of criminals not inconsistent herewith shall apply to any such demand although the person whose surrender is demanded was not in the demanding state at the time of the commission of the crime and although he had not fled therefrom. Neither the demand, the oath nor any proceedings for extradition pursuant to this section need state or show that the person whose surrender is demanded has fled from justice, or at the time of the commission of the crime was in the demanding or other state.

History.—Comp. §6, ch. 29901, 1955.  
cf.—§941.02 Fugitive from justice; duty of governor.

88.071 Relief from the above provisions.—Any obligor contemplated by §88.061 who submits to the jurisdiction of the court of such other state and complies with the court's order of support, shall be relieved of extradition for desertion or nonsupport entered in the courts of this state during the period of such compliance.

History.—Comp. §7, ch. 29901, 1955.

88.081 Choice of law.—Duties of support applicable under this chapter are those imposed or imposable under the laws of any state

where the obligor was present during the period for which support is sought. The obligor is presumed to have been present in the responding state during the period for which support is sought until otherwise shown.

History.—Comp. §8, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.091 Remedies of a state or political subdivision thereof furnishing support.**—Whenever the state or a political subdivision thereof furnishes support to an obligee, it has the same right to invoke the provisions hereof as the obligee to whom the support was furnished for the purpose of securing reimbursement of expenditures so made and of obtaining continuing support.

History.—Comp. §9, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.101 How duties of support are enforced.**—All duties of support are enforceable by complaint irrespective of relationship between the obligor and obligee. Jurisdiction of all proceedings hereunder shall be vested in the circuit court.

History.—Comp. §10, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.111 Contents of complaint for support.**—The complaint shall be verified and shall state the name and, so far as known to the plaintiff, the address and circumstances of the defendant and his dependents for whom support is sought and all other pertinent information. The plaintiff may include in or attach to the complaint any information which may help in locating or identifying the defendant including, but without limitation by enumeration, a photograph of the defendant, a description of any distinguishing marks of his person, other names and aliases by which he has been or is known, the name of his employer, his fingerprints, or social security number.

History.—Comp. §11, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.121 Official to represent plaintiff in proceeding initiated in this state.**—The state attorney, upon the request of the court, or of the state department of public welfare, or of the state welfare director, or of the district board of public welfare, shall represent the plaintiff in any proceeding initiated in this state under this chapter.

History.—Comp. §12, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.131 Petition for a minor.**—A complaint on behalf of a minor obligee may be brought by a person having legal custody of the minor without appointment as guardian ad litem.

History.—Comp. §13, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.141 Duty of court of this state as initiating state.**—If the court of this state acting as an initiating state finds that the petition sets forth facts from which it may be determined that the defendant owes a duty of support and that a court of the responding state may obtain jurisdiction of the defendant or his property, it shall so certify and shall cause three copies of the complaint, its certificate and this chapter to be transmitted to the court

in the responding state. If the name and address of such court is unknown and the responding state has an information agency comparable to that established in the initiating state it shall cause such copies to be transmitted to the state information agency or other proper official of the responding state, with a request that it forward them to the proper court, and that the court of the responding state acknowledge their receipt to the court of the initiating state.

History.—Comp. §14, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.151 Costs and fees.**—

(1) Where the action is brought by or through a state, or an agency thereof, no clerk's fees shall be required of it, but if an order be entered requiring the defendant to pay the costs, as hereinafter authorized, such order shall be deemed to include the clerk's fees for services rendered in an action so brought.

(2) Regardless of whether this state is the initiating state or the responding state, an individual plaintiff shall be entitled to have performed in this state the necessary services of the clerk, sheriff and court reporter in any proceedings under this chapter including contempt proceedings, without paying any costs or fees or giving any security therefor.

(3) If this state be the responding state and if the court enters an order requiring the defendant to furnish support or reimbursement therefor, the court may also by order or orders require that the defendant pay all costs, charges and fees in the proceedings incurred in this state, including costs, charges and fees incurred in contempt proceedings. If no order requiring the payment of the costs by the defendant is made under this subsection, or if such an order is made and the court thereafter finds that compliance therewith cannot or should not be compelled, the court may in its discretion order that the costs, charges and fees, except clerk's fees incurred in an action brought by or through the state or an agency thereof, be paid by the county.

(4) If this state be the initiating state the court may in its discretion order that the costs, charges and fees incurred in this state be paid by the county.

History.—§15, ch. 29901, 1955; (1), (2), (4) by §1, ch. 57-405.

**88.161 Jurisdiction by arrest.**—When the court of this state, acting either as an initiating or responding state, has reason to believe that the defendant may flee the jurisdiction it may as an initiating state request in its certificate that the court of the responding state obtain the body of the defendant by appropriate process if that be permissible under the law of the responding state; or as a responding state, obtain the body of the defendant by appropriate process.

History.—Comp. §16, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.171 State information agency.**—The state department of public welfare is hereby desig-

nated as the state information agency under this chapter, and it shall be its duty:

(1) To compile a list of the courts and their addresses in this state having jurisdiction under this chapter and transmit the same to the state information agency of every other state which has adopted this or a substantially similar law.

(2) To maintain a register of such lists received from other states and to transmit copies thereof as soon as possible after receipt to every court in this state having jurisdiction under this chapter.

History.—Comp. §17, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.181 Duty of the court of this state as responding state.**—When the court of this state, acting as a responding state, receives from the court of an initiating state the aforesaid copies, it shall docket the cause, notify the state attorney, whose duty it shall be to carry on the proceedings, set a time and place for a hearing, and take such action as is necessary in accordance with the laws of this state to obtain jurisdiction.

History.—Comp. §18, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.191 Further duty of responding court.**—If a court of this state, acting as a responding state, is unable to obtain jurisdiction of the defendant or his property due to inaccuracies or inadequacies in the complaint or otherwise, the court shall communicate this fact to the court in the initiating state, shall on its own initiative use all means at its disposal to trace the defendant or his property, and shall hold the case pending the receipt of more accurate information or an amended complaint from the court in the initiating state.

History.—Comp. §19, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.201 Procedure.**—The court shall conduct proceedings under this chapter in the manner prescribed by law for an action for the enforcement of the type of duty of support claimed.

History.—Comp. §20, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.211 Order of support.**—If the court of the responding state finds a duty of support, it may order the defendant to furnish support or reimbursement therefor and subject the property of the defendant to such order.

History.—Comp. §21, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.221 Responding state to transmit copies to initiating state.**—The court of this state when acting as a responding state shall cause to be transmitted to the court of the initiating state a copy of all orders of support or for reimbursement therefor.

History.—Comp. §22, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.231 Additional powers of court.**—In addition to the foregoing powers, the court of this state when acting as the responding state has the power to subject the defendant to such terms and conditions as the court may deem

proper to assure compliance with its orders and in particular,

(1) To require the defendant to furnish recognizance in the form of a cash deposit or bond of such character and in such amount as the court may deem proper to assure payment of any amount required to be paid by the defendant.

(2) To require the defendant to make at specified intervals to the clerk of the court or the obligee such payments as are specified by the Florida court and to report personally to such clerk at such times as may be deemed necessary.

(3) To punish the defendant who shall violate any order of the court to the same extent as is provided by law for contempt of the court in any other suit or proceeding cognizable by the court.

History.—Comp. §23, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.241 Additional duties of the court of this state when acting as a responding state.**—The court of this state when acting as a responding state shall have the following duties which may be carried out through the clerk of the court:

(1) Upon the receipt of a payment made by the defendant pursuant to any order of the court or otherwise, to transmit the same forthwith to the court of the initiating state, and

(2) Upon request to furnish to the court of the initiating state a certified statement of all payments made by the defendant.

History.—Comp. §24, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.251 Additional duty of the court of this state when acting as an initiating state.**—The court of this state when acting as an initiating state shall have the duty which may be carried out through the clerk of the court to receive and disburse forthwith all payments made by the defendant or transmitted by the court of the responding state.

History.—Comp. §25, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.261 Evidence of husband and wife.**—Laws attaching a privilege against the disclosure of communications between husband and wife are inapplicable to proceedings under this chapter. Husband and wife are competent witnesses and may be compelled to testify to any relevant matter, including marriage and parentage.

History.—Comp. §26, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.271 Hearings and rules of evidence.**—Hearings shall be conducted before the judge without a jury. They shall be conducted in such informal manner as will best conduce to the ends of justice, and the judge shall not be bound by the technical rules of evidence.

History.—Comp. §27, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.281 Application of payments.**—Any order of support issued by a court of this state when acting as a responding state shall not super-

sede any previous order of support issued in a divorce or separate maintenance action, but the amounts for a particular period paid pursuant to either order shall be credited against amounts accruing or accrued for the same period under both.

History.—Comp. §28, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.291 Effect of participation in proceeding.**—Participation in any proceedings under this chapter shall not confer upon any court jurisdiction of any of the parties thereto in any other proceeding.

History.—Comp. §29, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.301 Repealer.**—Chapter 27996, laws of

Florida, acts of 1953, (Former §§88.01-88.12), known as the "uniform support of dependents" law, is hereby repealed, except, however, that support actions heretofore commenced may be carried forward either under said law or under this uniform reciprocal enforcement of support law.

History.—Comp. §31, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.311 Uniformity of interpretation.**—This chapter shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.

History.—Comp. §32, ch. 29901, 1955.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

HANNAH BELL

Plaintiff,

-vs-

JAUNE BELL

Defendant.

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The undersigned Judge of the Circuit Court in and for  
Escambia County, State of Florida, hereby certified:

1. That on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 19 60,  
a complaint was verified by the above named plaintiff and duly filed  
in this Court in a proceeding against the above named defendant,  
commenced under the provisions of the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement  
of Support Act to compel the support of the dependents named in the  
complaint.

2. That the above named defendant is believed to be residing  
or domiciled at the following address: Point Clear, Alabama,

3. That the undersigned Judge of the Circuit Court in and  
for Escambia County, State of Florida, ~~has examined the plain~~  
~~tiff under oath and she has reaffirmed the allegations contained in the~~  
~~complaint and that proceeding in the best interests of the plaintiff~~ **certifies that**  
~~the needs~~  
of the dependents named in the complaint for support from the defendant  
are the sum of Seventy-five (75.00) Dollars  
Monthly  
Dollars.

4. That in the opinion of the undersigned the defendant should  
be compelled to answer such complaint and be dealt with according to law.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that this Certificate, in  
triplicate, together with three copies of the complaint and three copies  
of Chapter 29901 of the General Laws of the State of Florida, being The  
Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, be transmitted to the  
proper Court in Alabama.

This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 19 60.

A TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL

LANGLEY BELL

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

BY [Signature]  
D. C.

/s/ Ernest E. Mason

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND  
FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

HARVAH BELL,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

CERTIFICATE

JAMES BELL,

Defendant.

I, Langley Bell, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, and keeper of the records and seal thereof, do hereby certify that the documents previously forwarded to you are true copies of the bill of complaint, pauper's oath, copy of act, testimony of complainant and certificate filed in the said Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 1960, in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act of Florida, being Chapter 29901 of the General Laws of Florida.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto sign my name and affix the seal of said Court this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 1960.



Langley Bell  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, Florida.

I, Ernest E. Mason, Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, do hereby certify that Langley Bell, whose name is above written and subscribed, is and was at the date thereof the Clerk of said Court, duly appointed and sworn, and keeper of the records and seal thereof, and that the above certificate by him made and his attestation or record thereof is in due form of law.

This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 1960.

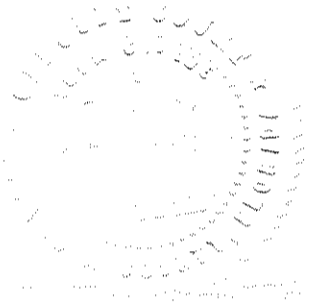
Ernest E. Mason  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

I, Langley Bell, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, and keeper of the seal thereof, do hereby certify that the Honorable Ernest E. Mason, whose name is within written and subscribed was on the 9th day of March, A. D., 1960, and now is Judge of the said Court, and duly holds that office according to the laws of the State of Florida; and that I am well acquainted with his handwriting and official signature and know and certify the same within written to be his.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereby sign and affix the seal of said Court at the City of Pensacola in said State and County this the 9th day of March, A. D., 1960.

Langley Bell

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR  
ESCALONIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

HERMAN BELL,  
Plaintiff,

-VS-

JAMES BELL,  
Defendant.

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CIRCUIT COURT  
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LANGLEY BELL  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
BY [Signature]  
D. C.

Comes now the plaintiff, Herman Bell, and  
brings this her bill of complaint against the defendant, James Bell,  
and complaining says:

1. That the plaintiff is a resident and citizen of the  
County of Escambia, State of Florida, and is at present  
residing at Route 1, Box 272A, Pensacola, Florida,  
and she is over ~~(under)~~ the age of twenty-one years. That the  
plaintiff was married to the defendant on March 13, 1945,  
at Mobile, Alabama.

2. That the plaintiff is the mother of and the defendant  
is the father of the following named children, to-wit: (give names  
and birth dates) Jacqueline Bell, 14 years of age  
Eddie Lee Bell, 13 years of age  
Carolyn Bell, 9 years of age

That the plaintiff and the said children are in need of and are en-  
titled to support from the defendant under the provisions of the  
State of Florida Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act,  
and that the said children are in the custody of the plaintiff  
and are residing with the plaintiff at the home of the plaintiff  
in Escambia County, Florida.

3. That the plaintiff and the defendant ~~was~~ (are not)  
divorced; that said divorce was granted on \_\_\_\_\_,  
in \_\_\_\_\_, and since that time the defendant  
has refused and neglected to provide support for the plaintiff  
and the said children according to the means of his earnings.

4. That at the time of the divorce the defendant was ordered to pay support to the plaintiff for the support of the above named children the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars per month (week).

5. That upon information obtained the plaintiff is advised and believes that the defendant is now domiciled and residing in Point Clear, Alabama, which State has enacted a law substantially similar and reciprocal to the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act of the State of Florida.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for such an order of support, directed to the said defendant, as shall be deemed to be fair and reasonable, and for such other and further relief as the law provides.

Hannah Bell  
PLAINTIFF

STATE OF FLORIDA, )  
COUNTY OF MANASSA )

Hannah Bell being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is the plaintiff in the above cause and has read the foregoing and that the contents thereof are true and correct of her own knowledge, except as to the matters therein alleged to be state on her information and belief, and as to those matters she believes the same to be true.

Hannah Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 8 day of March,

A. D., 19 60.

J. S. King, District Clerk Circuit Court  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
AT LARGE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR  
~~FLORIDA~~ COUNTY, FLORIDA

~~WALTER BELL~~,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

AFFIDAVIT OF INABILITY TO  
PAY FILING FEE OR OTHER COST

~~JAMES BELL~~,

Defendant.

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~~Hannah Bell~~ of ~~Peninsula~~,

~~Escambia~~ County, Florida, certifies that she is the petitioner in the foregoing petition and is entitled to support under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act of the State of Florida and that she believes that she has meritorious cause for action for support for herself and her children under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act for the State of Florida; that she is without funds with which to pay the necessary fees and costs in these proceedings in the State of ~~Alabama~~ where the respondent is now residing.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that the petition be filed in the proper Court in the State of ~~Alabama~~, without payment of a filing fee or other costs.

*Hannah Bell*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 8 day of March,  
A. D., 19 60.



*John Kenneth ... Clerk Circuit Court*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA AT  
LARGE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR

ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

HANNAH BELL,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

JAMES BELL.

Defendant.

The undersigned Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, State of Florida, hereby certified:

1. That on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1960, a complaint was verified by the above named plaintiff and duly filed in this Court in a proceeding against the above named defendant, commenced under the provisions of the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act to compel the support of the dependents named in the complaint.

2. That the above named defendant is believed to be residing or domiciled at the following address: Point Clear, Alabama,

3. That the undersigned Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, State of Florida, ~~has examined the complaint and the supporting affidavits and the exhibits contained therein and~~ **certifies that** ~~the complaint and the supporting affidavits and the exhibits contained therein~~ the needs of the dependents named in the complaint for support from the defendant are the sum of Seventy-five (75.00) Dollars ~~Monthly~~ Dollars.

4. That in the opinion of the undersigned the defendant should be compelled to answer such complaint and be dealt with according to law.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that this Certificate, in triplicate, together with three copies of the complaint and three copies of Chapter 29901 of the General Laws of the State of Florida, being The Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, be transmitted to the proper Court in Alabama.

This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 1960.

A TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL

LANCLEY BELL  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

BY [Signature]  
D. C.

/s/ Ernest E. Mason  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND  
FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR  
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HANNAH BELL,

Plaintiff,

-VS-

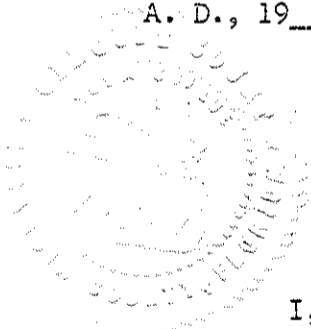
CERTIFICATE

JAMES BELL,

Defendant.

I, Langley Bell, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, and keeper of the records and seal thereof, do hereby certify that the documents previously forwarded to you are true copies of the bill of complaint, pauper's oath, copy of act, testimony of complainant and certificate filed in the said Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, on the 9th day of March, A. D., 19 60, in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act of Florida, being Chapter 29901 of the General Laws of Florida.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto sign my name and affix the seal of said Court this the 9th day of March, A. D., 19 60.



Langley Bell

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, Florida.

I, Ernest E. Mason, Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, do hereby certify that Langley Bell, whose name is above written and subscribed, is and was at the date thereof the Clerk of said Court, duly appointed and sworn, and keeper of the records and seal thereof, and that the above certificate by him made and his attestation or record thereof is in due form of law.

This the 9th day of March, A. D., 19 60.

Ernest E. Mason

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

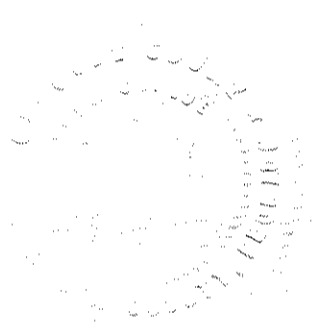


I, Langley Bell, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, and keeper of the seal thereof, do hereby certify that the Honorable Ernest E. Mason, whose name is within written and subscribed was on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 1960, and now is Judge of the said Court, and duly holds that office according to the laws of the State of Florida; and that I am well acquainted with his handwriting and official signature and know and certify the same within written to be his.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereby sign and affix the seal of said Court at the City of Pensacola in said State and County this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 1960.

Langley Bell

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff,  
-vs-  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant.

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BY \_\_\_\_\_ D. C.

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CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
BY \_\_\_\_\_  
D. C.

Comes now the plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_, and  
brings this her bill of complaint against the defendant, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and complaining says:

1. That the plaintiff is a resident and citizen of the  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Florida, and is at present  
residing at \_\_\_\_\_,  
and she is over \_\_\_\_\_ the age of twenty-one years. That the  
plaintiff was married to the defendant on \_\_\_\_\_,  
at \_\_\_\_\_.

2. That the plaintiff is the mother of and the defendant  
is the father of the following named children, to-wit: (give names  
and birth dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

That the plaintiff and the said children are in need of and are en-  
titled to support from the defendant under the provisions of the  
State of Florida Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act,  
and that the said children are in the custody of the plaintiff  
and are residing with the plaintiff at the home of the plaintiff  
in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida.

3. That the plaintiff and the defendant are (are not)  
divorced; that said divorce was granted on \_\_\_\_\_,  
in \_\_\_\_\_, and since that time the defendant  
has refused and neglected to provide support for the plaintiff  
and the said children according to the means of his earnings.

4. That at the time of the divorce the defendant was ordered to pay support to the plaintiff for the support of the above named children the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars per month (week).

5. That upon information obtained the plaintiff is advised and believes that the defendant is now domiciled and residing in ~~Montgomery, Alabama~~, which State has enacted a law substantially similar and reciprocal to the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act of the State of Florida.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for such an order of support, directed to the said defendant, as shall be deemed to be fair and reasonable, and for such other and further relief as the law provides.

✓ Savannah Bell  
PLAINTIFF

STATE OF FLORIDA, )  
COUNTY OF MANATEE )

Savannah Bell being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is the plaintiff in the above cause and has read the foregoing and that the contents thereof are true and correct of her own knowledge, except as to the matters therein alleged to be state on her information and belief, and as to those matters she believes the same to be true.

✓ Savannah Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 8 day of March,

A. D., 19 80.

Jos. K. ...  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
AT LARGE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR  
~~DADE~~ COUNTY, FLORIDA

~~JAMES BELL~~

Plaintiff,

-vs-

AFFIDAVIT OF INABILITY TO  
PAY FILING FEE OR OTHER COST

~~JAMES BELL~~

Defendant.

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~~Sannah Bell~~ of ~~Manatee~~,  
~~Manatee~~ County, Florida, certifies that she is the  
petitioner in the foregoing petition and is entitled to support  
under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act of the  
State of Florida and that she believes that she has meritorious  
cause for action for support for herself and her children under  
the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act for the State  
of Florida; that she is without funds with which to pay the ne-  
cessary fees and costs in these proceedings in the State of  
~~Alabama~~ where the respondent is now residing.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that the petition be filed  
in the proper Court in the State of ~~Alabama~~, without  
payment of a filing fee or other costs.

*Sannah Bell*  
PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this the 8 day of March,

A. D., 19 60.

*[Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA AT  
LARGE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_



## CHAPTER 88

## UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT LAW

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History.—Comp. §5, ch. 29901, 1955.

88.061 Interstate rendition.—The governor of this state may demand from the governor of any other state the surrender of any person found in such other state who is charged in this state with the crime of failing to provide for the support of any person in this state and may surrender on demand by the governor of any other state any person found in this state who is charged in such other state with the crime of failing to provide for the support of a person in such other state. The provisions for extradition of criminals not inconsistent herewith shall apply to any such demand although the person whose surrender is demanded was not in the demanding state at the time of the commission of the crime and although he had not fled therefrom. Neither the demand, the oath nor any proceedings for extradition pursuant to this section need state or show that the person whose surrender is demanded has fled from justice, or at the time of the commission of the crime was in the demanding or other state.

History.—Comp. §6, ch. 29901, 1955.  
cf.—§941.02 Fugitive from justice; duty of governor.

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History.—Comp. §28, ch. 29901, 1955.

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History.—Comp. §29, ch. 29901, 1955.

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Florida, acts of 1953. (Former §§88.01-88.12), known as the "uniform support of dependents" law, is hereby repealed, except, however, that support actions heretofore commenced may be carried forward either under said law or under this uniform reciprocal enforcement of support law.

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History.—Comp. §32, ch. 29901, 1955.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

HANNAH BELL,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

CERTIFICATE

JAMES BELL,

Defendant.

I, Langley Bell, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, and keeper of the records and seal thereof, do hereby certify that the documents previously forwarded to you are true copies of the bill of complaint, pauper's oath, copy of act, testimony of complainant and certificate filed in the said Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 1960, in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act of Florida, being Chapter 29901 of the General Laws of Florida.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto sign my name and affix the seal of said Court this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 1960.



Langley Bell

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, Florida.

I, Edward E. Mason, Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, do hereby certify that Langley Bell, whose name is above written and subscribed, is and was at the date thereof the Clerk of said Court, duly appointed and sworn, and keeper of the records and seal thereof, and that the above certificate by him made and his attestation or record thereof is in due form of law.

This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 1960.

Edward E. Mason

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA



I, Langley Bell, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, Florida, and keeper of the seal thereof, do hereby certify that the Honorable Ernest E. Mason, whose name is within written and subscribed was on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 1960, and now is Judge of the said Court, and duly holds that office according to the laws of the State of Florida; and that I am well acquainted with his handwriting and official signature and know and certify the same within written to be his.

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Langley Bell  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND  
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## CHAPTER 88

## UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT LAW

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where the obligor was present during the period for which support is sought. The obligor is presumed to have been present in the responding state during the period for which support is sought until otherwise shown.

History.—Comp. §8, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.091 Remedies of a state or political subdivision thereof furnishing support.**—Whenever the state or a political subdivision thereof furnishes support to an obligee, it has the same right to invoke the provisions hereof as the obligee to whom the support was furnished for the purpose of securing reimbursement of expenditures so made and of obtaining continuing support.

History.—Comp. §9, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.101 How duties of support are enforced.**—All duties of support are enforceable by complaint irrespective of relationship between the obligor and obligee. Jurisdiction of all proceedings hereunder shall be vested in the circuit court.

History.—Comp. §10, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.111 Contents of complaint for support.**—The complaint shall be verified and shall state the name and, so far as known to the plaintiff, the address and circumstances of the defendant and his dependents for whom support is sought and all other pertinent information. The plaintiff may include in or attach to the complaint any information which may help in locating or identifying the defendant including, but without limitation by enumeration, a photograph of the defendant, a description of any distinguishing marks of his person, other names and aliases by which he has been or is known, the name of his employer, his fingerprints, or social security number.

History.—Comp. §11, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.121 Official to represent plaintiff in proceeding initiated in this state.**—The state attorney, upon the request of the court, or of the state department of public welfare, or of the state welfare director, or of the district board of public welfare, shall represent the plaintiff in any proceeding initiated in this state under this chapter.

History.—Comp. §12, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.131 Petition for a minor.**—A complaint on behalf of a minor obligee may be brought by a person having legal custody of the minor without appointment as guardian ad litem.

History.—Comp. §13, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.141 Duty of court of this state as initiating state.**—If the court of this state acting as an initiating state finds that the petition sets forth facts from which it may be determined that the defendant owes a duty of support and that a court of the responding state may obtain jurisdiction of the defendant or his property, it shall so certify and shall cause three copies of the complaint, its certificate and this chapter to be transmitted to the court

in the responding state. If the name and address of such court is unknown and the responding state has an information agency comparable to that established in the initiating state it shall cause such copies to be transmitted to the state information agency or other proper official of the responding state, with a request that it forward them to the proper court, and that the court of the responding state acknowledge their receipt to the court of the initiating state.

History.—Comp. §14, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.151 Costs and fees.**—

(1) Where the action is brought by or through a state, or an agency thereof, no clerk's fees shall be required of it, but if an order be entered requiring the defendant to pay the costs, as hereinafter authorized, such order shall be deemed to include the clerk's fees for services rendered in an action so brought.

(2) Regardless of whether this state is the initiating state or the responding state, an individual plaintiff shall be entitled to have performed in this state the necessary services of the clerk, sheriff and court reporter in any proceedings under this chapter including contempt proceedings, without paying any costs or fees or giving any security therefor.

(3) If this state be the responding state and if the court enters an order requiring the defendant to furnish support or reimbursement therefor, the court may also by order or orders require that the defendant pay all costs, charges and fees in the proceedings incurred in this state, including costs, charges and fees incurred in contempt proceedings. If no order requiring the payment of the costs by the defendant is made under this subsection, or if such an order is made and the court thereafter finds that compliance therewith cannot or should not be compelled, the court may in its discretion order that the costs, charges and fees, except clerk's fees incurred in an action brought by or through the state or an agency thereof, be paid by the county.

(4) If this state be the initiating state the court may in its discretion order that the costs, charges and fees incurred in this state be paid by the county.

History.—§15, ch. 29901, 1955; (1), (2), (4) by §1, ch. 57-405.

**88.161 Jurisdiction by arrest.**—When the court of this state, acting either as an initiating or responding state, has reason to believe that the defendant may flee the jurisdiction it may as an initiating state request in its certificate that the court of the responding state obtain the body of the defendant by appropriate process if that be permissible under the law of the responding state; or as a responding state, obtain the body of the defendant by appropriate process.

History.—Comp. §16, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.171 State information agency.**—The state department of public welfare is hereby desig-

nated as the state information agency under this chapter, and it shall be its duty:

(1) To compile a list of the courts and their addresses in this state having jurisdiction under this chapter and transmit the same to the state information agency of every other state which has adopted this or a substantially similar law.

(2) To maintain a register of such lists received from other states and to transmit copies thereof as soon as possible after receipt to every court in this state having jurisdiction under this chapter.

History.—Comp. §17, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.181 Duty of the court of this state as responding state.**—When the court of this state, acting as a responding state, receives from the court of an initiating state the aforesaid copies, it shall docket the cause, notify the state attorney, whose duty it shall be to carry on the proceedings, set a time and place for a hearing, and take such action as is necessary in accordance with the laws of this state to obtain jurisdiction.

History.—Comp. §18, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.191 Further duty of responding court.**—If a court of this state, acting as a responding state, is unable to obtain jurisdiction of the defendant or his property due to inaccuracies or inadequacies in the complaint or otherwise, the court shall communicate this fact to the court in the initiating state, shall on its own initiative use all means at its disposal to trace the defendant or his property, and shall hold the case pending the receipt of more accurate information or an amended complaint from the court in the initiating state.

History.—Comp. §19, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.201 Procedure.**—The court shall conduct proceedings under this chapter in the manner prescribed by law for an action for the enforcement of the type of duty of support claimed.

History.—Comp. §20, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.211 Order of support.**—If the court of the responding state finds a duty of support, it may order the defendant to furnish support or reimbursement therefor and subject the property of the defendant to such order.

History.—Comp. §21, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.221 Responding state to transmit copies to initiating state.**—The court of this state when acting as a responding state shall cause to be transmitted to the court of the initiating state a copy of all orders of support or for reimbursement therefor.

History.—Comp. §22, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.231 Additional powers of court.**—In addition to the foregoing powers, the court of this state when acting as the responding state has the power to subject the defendant to such terms and conditions as the court may deem

proper to assure compliance with its orders and in particular.

(1) To require the defendant to furnish recognizance in the form of a cash deposit or bond of such character and in such amount as the court may deem proper to assure payment of any amount required to be paid by the defendant.

(2) To require the defendant to make at specified intervals to the clerk of the court or the obligee such payments as are specified by the Florida court and to report personally to such clerk at such times as may be deemed necessary.

(3) To punish the defendant who shall violate any order of the court to the same extent as is provided by law for contempt of the court in any other suit or proceeding cognizable by the court.

History.—Comp. §23, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.241 Additional duties of the court of this state when acting as a responding state.**—The court of this state when acting as a responding state shall have the following duties which may be carried out through the clerk of the court:

(1) Upon the receipt of a payment made by the defendant pursuant to any order of the court or otherwise, to transmit the same forthwith to the court of the initiating state, and

(2) Upon request to furnish to the court of the initiating state a certified statement of all payments made by the defendant.

History.—Comp. §24, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.251 Additional duty of the court of this state when acting as an initiating state.**—The court of this state when acting as an initiating state shall have the duty which may be carried out through the clerk of the court to receive and disburse forthwith all payments made by the defendant or transmitted by the court of the responding state.

History.—Comp. §25, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.261 Evidence of husband and wife.**—Laws attaching a privilege against the disclosure of communications between husband and wife are inapplicable to proceedings under this chapter. Husband and wife are competent witnesses and may be compelled to testify to any relevant matter, including marriage and parentage.

History.—Comp. §26, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.271 Hearings and rules of evidence.**—Hearings shall be conducted before the judge without a jury. They shall be conducted in such informal manner as will best conduce to the ends of justice, and the judge shall not be bound by the technical rules of evidence.

History.—Comp. §27, ch. 29901, 1955.

**88.281 Application of payments.**—Any order of support issued by a court of this state when acting as a responding state shall not super-

sede any previous order of support issued in a divorce or separate maintenance action, but the amounts for a particular period paid pursuant to either order shall be credited against amounts accruing or accrued for the same period under both.

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