

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINETEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, OKEECHOBEE  
AND SAINT LUCIE COUNTIES, FLORIDA.

IN RE: CHILD ABUSE )  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 79-7

Chapter 79-203 which amends Florida Statute §827.07(6) provides for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services to petition the Court for an order authorizing the Department to take certain abused children into protective custody for periods over twenty-four hours.

To implement such Act, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED THAT:

1. The primary assignment of such cases shall be with the Circuit Judge or Acting Circuit Judge presiding over Juvenile cases or holding Detention Hearings under Rules of Juvenile Procedure 8.040 in each county.

2. To provide such emergency authorizations when the Judge assigned in paragraph 1 above is absent from the county or otherwise unable to act, each County Judge in the counties comprising the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida qualified to act as Circuit Judge is hereby assigned to preside over cases arising under Fl. Stat. 827.07(6) in all counties in such Circuit. This assignment is made pursuant to Sections 2(b) and (d), Article V, Florida Constitution, and Rule 2.050(b) Florida Rules of Judicial Administration.

DONE in Stuart, Martin County, Florida, this 26th day of September, 1979.

  
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CHIEF JUDGE