

**THE PATERNITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 205 of 1956**

**722.719 Bond to perform court order and indemnify county; filing; dismissal of complaint; default; issuance of citation to principal and sureties; service; execution; contempt of court; commitment; decree or judgment; appointment of receiver.**

Sec. 9.

(1) The person so adjudged to be the father of the child may be required to give bond with 1 or more sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the court, to perform the order of the court, and to indemnify the county that is chargeable with the confinement expenses and with the maintenance of the child. The bond shall be filed with the friend of the court or the clerk of the court. If on the trial he is adjudged not to be the father of the child, the court shall dismiss the complaint; and the judgment of the court is final.

(2) If default is made in the payment of an installment or a part of the installment, mentioned in the bond filed under subsection (1), the judge of the court in which the bond is filed, at the request of the mother, guardian, or any other person interested in the support of the child, shall issue a citation to the principal and sureties in the bond requiring them to appear on a day specified in the citation, and show cause why execution shall not issue against them for the amount of the installment due and unpaid on the bond. The citation shall be served by the sheriff of any county in which the principal or sureties reside or may be found. If the amount due on the installment is not paid on or before the time mentioned for showing cause, the judge shall render judgment in favor of the complainant against the principal and sureties who have been served with the citation, for the amount unpaid on the installment due on the bond. Execution shall issue from the court against the goods and chattels of the person or persons against whom the judgment is rendered for the amount of the judgment and costs to the sheriff of any county in the state where a party to the judgment resides or has property subject to the execution.

(3) The judge, in case of default in the payment, when due, of any installment or any part of the installment or in the condition of the bond, may adjudge the reputed father guilty of contempt of court as provided in sections 31 to 39 of the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.631 to 552.639. The commitment of the reputed father under sections 31 to 39 of the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.631 to 552.639, does not operate to stay or defeat the obtaining of judgment and the collection of the judgment by execution. The rendition and the enforcement of decree or judgment does not bar or hinder the taking of similar proceedings for subsequent defaults.

(4) In order to make effective the purpose and intention of the bonds required under subsection (1), the court may appoint a receiver of the real and personal property belonging to the judgment debtors with powers not exceeding those customarily exercised by receivers.

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