

**222.18 County attorney to appear.**

The county attorney shall, if requested, appear on behalf of any petitioner for the commitment of a person alleged to be mentally retarded under [this chapter](#), and on behalf of all public officials and superintendents in all matters pertaining to the duties imposed upon them by [this chapter](#).

Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall enter an order directing the county attorney of the county in which the person who is alleged to have mental retardation resides to make a full investigation regarding the financial condition of that person and of those persons legally liable for that person's support under [section 222.78](#).

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §**3412**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, §222.2; C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §222.18]

84 Acts, ch 1299, §1; 96 Acts, ch 1129, §45

Referred to in [§331.756\(42\)](#)