

222.53 Conviction — suspension.

If on the conviction in the district court of any person for any crime or for any violation of any municipal ordinance, or if on the determination in said courts that a child is dependent, neglected, or delinquent and it appears from any evidence presented to the court before sentence, that such person is mentally retarded within the meaning of [this chapter](#), the court may suspend sentence or order, and may order any officer of the court or some other proper person to file a petition permitted under the provisions of [this chapter](#) against said person. Pending hearing of the petition, the court shall provide for the custody of said person as directed in [section 222.52](#).

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §~~3454~~; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, §222.44; C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §222.53]
Referred to in [§222.54](#)