

FRIEND OF THE COURT ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 294 of 1982

552.501 Short title; purposes and construction of act.

Sec. 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "friend of the court act".

(2) The purposes of this act are to enumerate and describe the powers and duties of the friend of the court and the office of the friend of the court; to ensure that procedures adopted by the friend of the court will protect the best interests of children in domestic relations matters; to encourage and assist parties voluntarily to resolve contested domestic relations matters by agreement; to compel the enforcement of parenting time and custody orders; and to compel the enforcement of support orders, ensuring that persons legally responsible for the care and support of children assume their legal obligations and reducing the financial cost to this state of providing public assistance funds for the care of children. This act shall be construed to promote the enumerated purposes and to facilitate the resolution of domestic relations matters.

History: 1982, Act 294, Eff. July 1, 1983;—Am. 1996, Act 144, Imd. Eff. Mar. 25, 1996.

Popular name: Friend of the Court