

**PROBATE CODE OF 1939 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 288 of 1939**

**712A.3 Criminal charge against person under age 17; transfer of case to family division of circuit court.**

Sec. 3. (1) If during the pendency of a criminal charge against a person in any other court it is ascertained that the person was under the age of 17 at the time of the commission of the offense, the other court shall transfer the case without delay, together with all the papers, documents, and testimony connected with that case, to the family division of the circuit court of the county in which the other court is situated or in which the person resides.

(2) The court making the transfer shall order the child to be taken promptly to the place of detention designated by the family division of the circuit court or to that court itself or release the juvenile in the custody of some suitable person to appear before the court at a time designated. The court shall then hear and dispose of the case in the same manner as if it had been originally instituted in that court.

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**Former law:** See section 26 of Ch. XII of Act 288 of 1939, and CL 1929, § 12839.

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