

CHAPTER 476

H.B. No. 1208

AN ACT

relating to the juvenile boards of Cochran and Hockley counties.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Sections 152.0461 and 152.1161, Human Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 152.0461. COCHRAN COUNTY. (a) The Cochran County Juvenile Board is composed of the county judge, the district ~~judge~~ [judges] in Cochran County, and the judge of any statutory court designated as a juvenile court in the county. The *chairman shall* [juvenile court judge may] appoint five public members to serve on the board for a period determined by the board [juvenile court judge].

(b) The county judge is the chairman of the juvenile board. The district judge is the vice-chairman and acts as chairman if:

(1) the chairman is absent or disabled; or

(2) the office of county judge is vacant [~~juvenile board shall elect one of its members as chairman at the beginning of each year.~~]

(c) The juvenile board shall hold regular meetings at least annually on dates set by the board and shall hold special meetings at the call of the chairman.

(d) The commissioners court shall pay the judges on the juvenile board an annual salary set by the commissioners court [at not more than \$600], payable in equal monthly installments from the general fund or any other available fund of the county. Public members serve without compensation.

~~[(d) The chief juvenile probation officer may set the salaries and allowances of juvenile probation personnel with the approval of the board.]~~

(e) The commissioners court may reimburse a juvenile board member for the member's reasonable and necessary job-related expenses. Reimbursable expenses include travel, lodging, training, and educational activities.

(f) The juvenile board shall pay the salaries of juvenile probation personnel and other expenses the chairman certifies as essential to provide services to the children of Cochran County from the juvenile board fund to the extent of the state aid received in the fund. The salaries approved by the commissioners court may be paid from funds received for that purpose from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. The commissioners court shall pay the remaining approved salaries of juvenile probation personnel and other expenses certified as necessary by the juvenile board chairman from the general funds of the county.

(g) The chairman of the juvenile board shall certify to the commissioners court an annual request for the expenditure of county funds. The commissioners court shall act on the request in the same manner as it acts on a request from another county office.

(h) The county auditor shall serve as the board's fiscal officer.

(i) Sections 152.0002, 152.0004, 152.0005, 152.0006, and 152.0008 do [~~Section 152.0005(b) does~~] not apply to the juvenile board of Cochran County.

Sec. 152.1161. HOCKLEY COUNTY. (a) The Hockley County Juvenile Board is composed of the county judge, the district judge [judges] in Hockley County, [and] the judge of any statutory court designated as a juvenile court in the county, and the juvenile court referee, if any. Subject to approval by the commissioners court, the chairman shall [~~juvenile court judge may~~] appoint five public members to serve on the board for a period of [~~determined by the juvenile court judge, but not to exceed~~] two years. A public member may be reappointed to the board.

(b) The county judge is the chairman of the juvenile board. The district judge is the vice-chairman and acts as chairman if:

(1) the chairman is absent or disabled; or

(2) the office of county judge is vacant [~~juvenile board shall elect one of its members as chairman at the beginning of each year.~~]

(c) The board shall hold regular meetings at least annually on dates set by the board and shall hold special meetings at the call of the chairman. All meetings shall be held at a site in Hockley County.

(d) The commissioners court shall pay the judges on the juvenile board an annual salary set by the commissioners court at not more than \$600, payable in equal monthly installments from the general fund or any other available fund of the county. Public members serve without compensation.

~~[(d) Each June, the juvenile board shall recommend to the commissioners court the proposed salaries of the probation officers and other juvenile probation personnel. The commissioners court may approve or reject each salary.]~~

(e) The commissioners court may reimburse a juvenile board member for the member's reasonable and necessary job-related expenses. Reimbursable expenses include travel, lodging, training, and educational activities.

(f) *The juvenile board shall pay the salaries of juvenile probation personnel and other expenses the chairman certifies as essential to provide services to the children of Hockley County from the juvenile board fund to the extent of the state aid received in the fund. The salaries approved by the commissioners court may be paid from funds received for that purpose from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. The commissioners court shall pay the remaining approved salaries of juvenile probation personnel and other expenses certified as necessary by the juvenile board chairman from the general funds of the county.*

(g) *The chairman of the juvenile board shall certify to the commissioners court an annual request for the expenditure of county funds. The commissioners court shall act on the request in the same manner as it acts on a request from another county office.*

(h) *The county auditor shall serve as the board's fiscal officer.*

(i) [(f)] Sections 152.0002, 152.0004, 152.0005 [152.0005(b)], 152.0006, and 152.0008 do not apply to the juvenile board of Hockley County.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 15, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 9, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.