

CHAPTER 239

S.B. No. 541

AN ACT

relating to the juvenile board of Washington County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 152.2451, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 152.2451. WASHINGTON COUNTY. (a) The juvenile board of Washington County is composed of the county judge, ~~and~~ the district judges in Washington County, *and the judge of each county court at law.*

(b) *The board shall select one member to act as* ~~juvenile court judge is the~~ chairman ~~[of the board and its chief administrative officer].~~

(c) The commissioners court may reasonably compensate each member of the juvenile board for the member's additional duties [~~pay the board chairman additional annual compensation set by the commissioners court at not more than \$600 for the added duties imposed on the chairman. The compensation shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the general fund of the county.~~].

(d) The juvenile board shall pay from the juvenile board fund to the extent of the state aid received in the fund the salaries of juvenile probation department personnel and other expenses required to provide adequate services to children.

(e) The county shall pay salaries and expenses other than those paid under Subsection (d) that are essential to provide adequate services to children in an amount set by the juvenile board with the advice and consent of the commissioners court.

(f) The juvenile board may accept state aid and grants or gifts from other political subdivisions of the state or associations for the sole purpose of financing adequate and effective probation programs. A municipality may grant money to the county government or to the juvenile board to support and maintain juvenile programs if the municipality's governing body approves the expenditure. Funds received under this subsection shall be administered and kept separately from other county funds.

(g) The chief juvenile probation officer may appoint necessary personnel with the approval of the juvenile board. Juvenile probation officers serve at the pleasure of the juvenile board.

(h) The juvenile board shall provide the juvenile probation officers with transportation or an automobile allowance for use of a personal automobile on official business.

(i) The juvenile board may agree to operate together with one or more counties that are adjacent to or in close proximity to Washington County. The juvenile boards operating together may appoint one fiscal officer to receive and disburse funds for the boards.

(j) The juvenile board may operate foster homes for the temporary care of children served by the board.

(k) Sections 152.0002, [~~152.0003,~~] 152.0004, [~~152.0005, 152.0006, 152.0007,~~] and 152.0008 do not apply to the juvenile board of Washington County.

SECTION 2. 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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 22, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 11, 1993: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 22, 1993.

Effective May 22, 1993.