

## CHAPTER 649

## H.B. No. 2509

## AN ACT

relating to the composition, powers, and duties of the Dawson County Juvenile Board.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 388, Acts of the 57th Legislature, Regular Session, 1961 (Article 5139MM, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. **ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION.** There is hereby established a juvenile board in Dawson County. ~~The juvenile board is, which shall be~~ composed of the ~~judges of the county and district courts having jurisdiction in~~ [county judge of] Dawson County, the superintendent of the Lamesa Independent School District or the superintendent's designee, and two (2) citizens of Dawson County, one of whom shall be appointed by the Commissioners Court and the other by the [chief of police of the City of] Lamesa City Council. Citizen members of the board shall serve for terms of two (2) years. The county judge shall be the chairman of the juvenile board and its chief administrative officer.

Sec. 2. **MEETINGS.** ~~The juvenile board shall hold quarterly meetings each year on dates set by the board and shall hold special meetings at the call of the chairman [As compensation for the added duties hereby imposed upon him, the chairman of such juvenile board may be allowed additional compensation of not less than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.) nor more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.) per annum, which shall be paid monthly in twelve (12) equal installments out of the general fund or other available fund of Dawson County. The Commissioners Court of Dawson County may allow each other member of the board compensation in an amount not to exceed One Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.) per annum, to be paid monthly in twelve (12) equal installments out of the general fund or other available fund of Dawson County. Such compensation shall be in addition to all other compensation now provided or allowed by law for county judges or any salary now received by citizen members of the juvenile board].~~

Sec. 3. **COMPENSATION.** ~~In addition to the reimbursement prescribed by Section 9 of this Act, each judge on the juvenile board shall receive an annual salary set by the commissioners court in an amount of not more than \$1,200, payable in equal monthly installments out of the general fund of the county. The compensation authorized by this section is in addition to all other compensation provided or allowed by law for a judge [The juvenile board created by this Act shall have all the powers conferred on juvenile boards created under Article 5139 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and any amendments thereto. The board may appoint a juvenile officer, whose salary shall be fixed by the Commissioners Court of Dawson County in an amount not to exceed Six Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$6,400.) per year. The juvenile officer shall have the powers and duties prescribed by Article 5142 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and any amendments thereto. All claims for expenses of the juvenile officer shall be certified by the chairman of the juvenile board as being necessary in the performance of the duties of the juvenile officer, and the Commissioners Court of Dawson County shall provide the necessary funds for the payment of the salary and expenses of the juvenile officer. The same person may serve as the juvenile officer and as one of the citizen members of the Dawson County Juvenile Board, but in such case he shall receive only the compensation fixed for the juvenile officer].~~

Sec. 4. **FISCAL OFFICER.** ~~The juvenile board shall designate a person as the board's fiscal officer. The fiscal officer shall deposit state aid received from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission under Chapter 75, Human Resources Code, into a special fund to be used solely for juvenile probation services.~~

Sec. 5. **ADVISORY COUNCIL.** ~~The juvenile board may appoint an advisory council composed of citizen members. If the board appoints an advisory council, the board shall determine the number of members and the terms the members will serve. If a vacancy occurs on the advisory council, the board shall fill the vacancy in the same manner as the original appointment was made.~~

*Sec. 6. POWERS. The juvenile board has all the powers conferred on juvenile boards created under Article 5139, Revised Statutes, or by other law.*

*Sec. 7. DUTIES. In addition to the duties imposed by general law, the juvenile board shall:*

*(1) establish a juvenile probation department and employ personnel, including a chief probation officer and assistant officers if more than one officer is necessary, who meet the standards set by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission to conduct probation services;*

*(2) designate one or more courts as a juvenile court and appoint referees as prescribed by Sections 51.04 and 54.10, Family Code;*

*(3) personally inspect the juvenile detention facilities of the county on at least an annual basis and certify in writing to the authorities responsible for operating and providing financial support to the facilities that the facilities are suitable or unsuitable for the detention of children as prescribed by Section 51.12, Family Code;*

*(4) report annually to the commissioners court on the suitability of the quarters and facilities of the juvenile court and make recommendations for improvements; and*

*(5) operate or supervise juvenile services at the county level and make recommendations as to the need for and purchase of services.*

*Sec. 8. PERSONNEL. (a) The chief juvenile probation officer may appoint necessary personnel with the approval of the board. Juvenile probation officers serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.*

*(b) The board shall set the salaries and allowances of the chief probation officer and other personnel.*

*(c) The commissioners court shall pay the salaries of juvenile probation personnel and other expenses certified by the chairman of the juvenile board as necessary out of the general funds of the county.*

*Sec. 9. EXPENSES. The commissioners court shall reimburse a member for the member's reasonable and necessary job-related expenses. Reimbursable expenses include travel, lodging, training, and educational activities. All expenses are paid from the general fund or any other available fund of Dawson 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 by the House on April 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 21, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 18, 1987.

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