

CHAPTER 1021

H.B. No. 2532

AN ACT

relating to the Van Zandt County Juvenile Board.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 379, Acts of the 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965 (Article 5139WW, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Sections 2-7 and by adding Sections 4A, 5A, and 5B to read as follows:

Sec. 2. COMPOSITION OF BOARD; CHAIRMAN. The board is composed of the county judge, *the criminal district attorney of Van Zandt County* [~~and county attorney of Van Zandt County~~], and the district judge of the 294th Judicial District. *At the first regular meeting each calendar year, the board shall elect one of its members as chairman* [~~each judicial district which includes Van Zandt County~~].

Sec. 3. JOINT OPERATIONS. *The board may agree to join with the juvenile board of one or more counties to provide services and facilities and to receive and disburse funds under this Act* [~~CHAIRMAN. The judge of the juvenile court for Van Zandt County is the chairman of the board and its chief administrative officer~~].

Sec. 4. MEETINGS. *The board shall hold meetings each year on dates set by the board and shall hold special meetings at the call of the chairman* [~~JUVENILE OFFICER. The board may appoint a juvenile officer~~].

Sec. 4A. DUTIES. *In addition to the duties imposed by general law, the board shall:*

- (1) establish a juvenile probation department and employ personnel who serve at the pleasure of the board, including a chief probation officer and assistant officers, who meet the standards set by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission to conduct probation services;*
- (2) designate a person as fiscal officer;*
- (3) designate one or more courts as a juvenile court and appoint referees as prescribed by Sections 51.04 and 54.10, Family Code;*

(4) inspect the juvenile detention facilities of the county at least annually 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;

(5) report annually to the commissioners court on the suitability of the quarters and facilities of the juvenile court and, if necessary, make recommendations for improvements; and

(6) operate or supervise county juvenile services and make recommendations as to the need for and purchase of those services.

Sec. 5. COMPENSATION. A judge's or criminal district attorney's service on the board is an additional duty of office. As compensation for service on the board and the additional duties, members of the board are entitled to receive an annual salary set by the commissioners court at not less than \$600, payable in equal monthly or bimonthly installments out of any fund of Van Zandt County or any fund available to the board. The compensation authorized by this section is in addition to all other compensation provided or allowed by law for judges or criminal district attorneys ~~(a) As compensation for the duties added by this Act, the commissioners court for Van Zandt County may pay each member of the board an amount not to exceed \$600 a year. If the commissioners court allows compensation under this Section, the compensation is paid in 12 equal monthly installments, and is paid out of money in the general fund of the County. Compensation allowed under this Section is in addition to any other compensation provided or allowed by law for the district judges, the county judge, and the county attorney.~~

~~[(b) If the board appoints a juvenile officer, the commissioners court shall pay the juvenile officer a salary in the amount the commissioners court shall determine reasonable and shall allow him an amount for expenses that does not exceed \$1,800 a year. The commissioners court shall provide money for paying the salary and certified expenses of the juvenile officer. The chairman of the board shall certify to the commissioners court the expenses of the juvenile officer which are necessary for the juvenile officer to properly perform his duties].~~

Sec. 5A. FUNDING OF JUVENILE BOARD. The board shall, in a timely manner, prepare and submit to the commissioners court for approval an annual request for funding for the board. Each request for funding must include the total of anticipated expenses of the board for the next fiscal year.

Sec. 5B. FUNDING OF JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. (a) The board shall, in a timely manner, prepare and submit to the commissioners court for approval an annual request for funding for the juvenile probation department. Each request for funding must include the total of anticipated expenses for providing juvenile services for the next fiscal year. The request for funding must be accompanied by an accounting of all available funds from other funding sources.

(b) The board may accept aid, grants, and gifts from the federal government, state government, political subdivisions of the state, and associations to finance adequate and effective juvenile probation programs.

(c) The board's fiscal officer shall deposit state aid received from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission under Chapter 75, Human Resources Code, in a special fund to be used solely for juvenile probation services. The fiscal officer shall deposit all other funds received under this section in another special account.

Sec. 6. POWERS ~~[AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD]~~. The board has all the powers conferred on ~~[duties, and functions prescribed for]~~ juvenile boards created under ~~[the provisions of]~~ Article 5139, Revised ~~[Civil]~~ Statutes, and by other general law ~~[of Texas, 1925, as amended]~~.

Sec. 7. RECORDS AND REPORTS. The board shall:

(1) keep the financial and statistical records required by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;

(2) *submit periodic financial and statistical reports to the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; and*

(3) *make the financial and statistical records and reports available to the commissioners court* [~~POWERS AND DUTIES OF JUVENILE OFFICER. The juvenile officer, if one is appointed, has the powers, duties, and functions prescribed for juvenile officers in Article 5142, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, and any other duty or function prescribed for him by the board.~~].

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 May 8, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 25, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

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