

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 594  
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Current law specifies that the commissioners court shall pay the Randall County Juvenile Board members not less than \$600 and not more than \$1200 of annual compensation for the added duties imposed on the members. House Bill 594 removes the \$1200 cap on the salary of Randall County Juvenile Board members.

Additionally, HB 594 applies several sections of the code to the Randall County Juvenile Board, from which they were previously exempt. The board has already been performing the functions mentioned in these sections, but was not statutorily required to perform them. Applying these sections of the code to the board is an attempt to increase protection from liability for the board members while carrying out their duties.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

**SECTION 1.** Amends Sections 152.1971(b) and (c) of Human Resources Code by removing \$1200 salary cap. Additionally, applies Section 152.0002, 152.0003, 152.0006, 152.0007, and 152.0008 by requiring the board to have regular quarterly meetings, as well as providing that compensation paid to the board is in addition to any compensation provided by law for judges. Requires the board to designate a fiscal officer, establish a juvenile probation department and employ personnel to conduct probation services, including a chief juvenile probation officer. Lastly, juvenile probation officers will serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

**SECTION 2.** This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2005.