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H.B. No. 1909

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of a juvenile board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 152, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 152.0015 to read as follows:

Sec. 152.0015. COMPOSITION OF BOARD. (a) Each juvenile board must include:

(1) a justice of the peace from the county served by the juvenile board, selected by majority vote of all the justices of the peace of the county; and

(2) a judge of a municipal court of a municipality located in the county served by the juvenile board, selected by majority vote of all the municipal judges of the municipalities located in the county.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 152.0001(b), to the extent of a conflict between this section and a law applicable to a specific juvenile board, this section prevails.

SECTION 2. Section 152.0032, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 152.0032. COMPOSITION OF JUVENILE BOARD. The juvenile board is composed of:

(1) the county judge;~~[7]~~

(2) the district judges in the county;

(3) a justice of the peace of the county, selected by

1 majority vote of all the justices of the peace of the county;

2 (4) a judge of a municipal court of a municipality  
3 located in the county, selected by majority vote of all the  
4 municipal judges of the municipalities located in the county; [7]  
5 and

6 (5) the judges of any statutory courts designated as a  
7 juvenile court in the county.

8 SECTION 3. Section 152.0051, Human Resources Code, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 152.0051. COMPOSITION OF JUVENILE BOARD. The  
11 juvenile board of a county that has a family district court is  
12 composed of:

13 (1) the county judge;  
14 (2) the judge of each family district court;  
15 (3) the judge of each other district court in the  
16 county;

17 (4) a justice of the peace of the county, selected by  
18 majority vote of all the justices of the peace of the county;

19 (5) a judge of a municipal court of a municipality  
20 located in the county, selected by majority vote of all the  
21 municipal judges of the municipalities located in the county; and

22 (6) [~~4~~] the judge of each other court in the county  
23 that has jurisdiction over juvenile matters.

24 SECTION 4. (a) The changes in law made by this Act apply to  
25 each juvenile board created under Chapter 152, Human Resources  
26 Code, regardless of whether the juvenile board is created before,  
27 on, or after the effective date of this Act.

1           (b) As soon as possible after the effective date of this  
2 Act, the commissioners court of each county in this state that is  
3 served by a juvenile board on that date shall ensure that the  
4 composition of the juvenile board conforms to the requirements of  
5 Section 152.0015, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, or  
6 Section 152.0032 or 152.0051, Human Resources Code, as amended by  
7 this Act, as applicable.

8           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect October 1, 2007.