

AN ACT

relating to the juvenile boards of Jim Wells and Wood Counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 152.0032, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 152.0032. COMPOSITION OF JUVENILE BOARD. (a) The juvenile board is composed of the county judge, the district judges in the county, and the judges of any statutory courts designated as a juvenile court in the county.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the juvenile board of Jim Wells County is composed of the judges of the county and district courts in the county. The board must have not fewer than three nor more than five members. The judges of the county and district courts in the county may appoint an appropriate number of public members to serve on the board if necessary to satisfy this requirement. Notwithstanding Section 152.0034(b), a public member serves without compensation. The chairman of the board shall determine the number of public members to be appointed to the board.

SECTION 2. Sections 152.2561(e) through (j), Human Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

(e) Service on a juvenile board by a judge is an additional duty of office. The commissioners court shall pay each ~~the~~ juvenile board member ~~members~~ an annual salary of not less than \$4,800 ~~[\$1,200]~~, payable in equal monthly installments from any

1 funds available to the county or to the juvenile board.

2 (f) The commissioners court shall reimburse a juvenile  
3 board member for the member's actual and necessary expenses  
4 incurred in performing the member's ~~[his]~~ duties. The  
5 commissioners court shall set the rate of reimbursement and shall  
6 pay the expenses from funds allocated or received from any source.

7 (g) The juvenile board shall appoint necessary juvenile  
8 probation department personnel ~~[with the advice and consent of the~~  
9 ~~commissioners court]~~. The juvenile board may discharge the  
10 employees of the juvenile probation department ~~[with the advice and~~  
11 ~~consent of the commissioners court]~~.

12 (h) The juvenile board shall provide each juvenile  
13 probation officer or juvenile probation department employee with an  
14 automobile or an automobile allowance for use of a personal  
15 automobile on official business.

16 (i) The juvenile board shall ~~[use the juvenile probation~~  
17 ~~fund to]~~ pay ~~[as much of]~~ the salaries, allowances, and other  
18 necessary expenses from the juvenile probation budget to the extent  
19 of the state aid received ~~[as possible]~~. The commissioners court  
20 shall pay the remaining salaries, allowances, and other necessary  
21 expenses from the general fund or other available funds of the  
22 county.

23 (j) The juvenile board ~~[commissioners court]~~ shall set the  
24 annual rate of increase in the salaries of juvenile probation  
25 department personnel ~~[at the rate of increase given to other Wood~~  
26 ~~County employees or to state employees]~~. If any portion of an  
27 employee's salary is to be paid from the general fund, ~~[the rates~~

1 ~~are different,]~~ the commissioners court shall approve the salary as  
2 presented to the commissioners court by the chairman of the  
3 juvenile board. For purposes of this subsection, "salary" means  
4 only the fixed compensation paid to an employee and does not include  
5 health insurance, allowances, or any other benefit [~~may choose one~~  
6 ~~of the rates or choose a rate that is between the two rates. In~~  
7 ~~choosing the rate, the commissioners court may consider any~~  
8 ~~relevant factor, including the source of the funds, the duties and~~  
9 ~~work load of the employees, and the effect on other county~~  
10 ~~employees].~~

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2502 was passed by the House on May 8, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2502 on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2502 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor