

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3161
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Corrections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties assert that the law governing the Upshur County Juvenile Board has become bloated with requirements that are either redundant or would better serve a larger county. As an example, the parties note that the board is currently required to elect a chairman, but there are only two judges in Upshur County qualified to serve on the board. It has also been observed that many other requirements specific to Upshur County are identical to the general requirements applicable to all juvenile boards. H.B. 3161 seeks to address these concerns.

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

H.B. 3161 amends the Human Resources Code to remove from the composition of the Upshur County Juvenile Board the judges of any statutory court in the county designated as a juvenile court. The bill designates the county judge of Upshur County as the chairman of the board and its chief administrative officer, rather than requiring the board to elect one of its members as chairman at its first regular meeting of each calendar year.

H.B. 3161 repeals provisions governing the Upshur County Juvenile Board specifically and repeals a provision exempting the board from statutory provisions governing juvenile boards generally that relate to board meetings, general expenses, reimbursement of board members and juvenile court judges, juvenile board duties regarding the establishment of a juvenile probation department, the employment of juvenile probation officers, and transportation provided to juvenile probation officers.

H.B. 3161 repeals Sections 152.2361(c), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (m), Human Resources Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2013.