

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3513
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee of a local county attorney's concerns about the current composition of the Moore County Juvenile Board, as current Texas law governing the juvenile board requires the board to be composed of six people appointed by the county commissioners court plus the county judge, but the board has experienced difficulty remaining in compliance with this requirement due to the county's rural population. H.B. 3513 seeks to address this issue by changing the number of members required to be appointed to the Moore County Juvenile Board by the county commissioners court. These appointed members would still serve two-year terms unless extended by a vote of the county commissioners court for not more than two additional years.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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. 3513 amends the Human Resources Code to revise provisions relating to the composition, duties, and personnel of the Moore County Juvenile Board as follows:

- adds the judge of the County Court at Law of Moore County to the board's membership and changes the number of board members appointed by the Moore County Commissioners Court from six to not fewer than three or more than five other members;
- changes the terms of service of appointed board members from staggered two-year terms with the terms of three members expiring on December 31 of each even-numbered year, and the terms of three members expiring on December 31 of each odd-numbered year to two-year terms expiring on December 31 of each even-numbered year unless the county commissioners court votes to extend a member's term for not more than two years; and
- removes from the statutory provisions from which the board is exempt provisions relating to the general duties of a juvenile board and provisions relating to the personnel who the chief juvenile probation officer may employ within the budget adopted by the applicable juvenile board.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.