

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Lamar County Juvenile Board consists of the county judge and the district judges in Lamar County. Although the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission has promulgated rule 341.4(d) requiring county juvenile probation employees to be paid on the same pay scale as state adult probation employees, neither the state nor the commission has provided funds to pay the salaries. H.B. 1891 would add the Lamar County Court at Law Judge to the board and give the county commissioners court the authority to set the salaries and rate of increase in salaries for juvenile probation officers and employees.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1891 outlines provisions regarding the Lamar County Juvenile Board.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 152.1451, Human Resources Code, to set forth the composition of the Lamar County Juvenile Board (board). Requires the board to elect one of its members as chairman at its first regular meeting of each fiscal year. Requires the board to hold regular meetings each year on dates set by the board and special meetings at the call of the chairman. Deletes text naming the court judge as board chairman and its chief administrative officer. Provides that service on a juvenile board by a judge is an additional duty of office. Authorizes the commissioners court to pay the board chairman and other board members additional compensation, rather than \$2,400, for the additional, rather than added, duties imposed on the chairman and the other board members. Deletes text regarding compensation of board members. Requires the board to recommend the commissioners court proposed salaries for juvenile probation officers and other juvenile probation employees. Requires the commissioners court to set the salaries of juvenile probation officers and other juvenile probation employees after considering the recommendation of the board and any other relevant factors, including the source of funds, the duties and workloads of the employees, and the effect on other county employees. Requires the commissioners court to comply with all applicable laws when setting the salaries of juvenile probation officers and other juvenile probation employees. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.