

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law provides that in a county with two or more Family District Courts, a judge from one of the courts must serve as chairman of the juvenile board of that county. In Fort Bend County, however, the family District Courts are not responsible for the juvenile dockets of that county. H.B. 1979 would authorize the Juvenile Board of Fort Bend County to select a chairman from its members.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1979 outlines provisions regarding the selection of the chairman of the juvenile board in Fort Bend County.

### **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 152.0851, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsection (d), to require the Juvenile Board of Fort Bend County, by majority vote, to annually elect one of its members as chairman.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.