

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, the county judge of Guadalupe County is authorized to add the judge of the county court at law to the county's juvenile board. However, Guadalupe County recently added an additional county court at law with juvenile jurisdiction, leaving the state law outdated and ambiguous as to which judge may be appointed to the board. H.B. 4220 seeks to provide clarity to this issue and to ensure that the juvenile board is well-equipped to handle its duties by expanding the composition of the board.

Accordingly, H.B. 4220 would amend the Human Resources Code to expand the composition of the Guadalupe County Juvenile Board to include the judges of each of the county's statutory county courts.

H.B. 4220 amends current law relating to the composition of the juvenile board of Guadalupe County.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 152.1001(a), Human Resources Code, as follows:

(a) Provides that the Guadalupe County Juvenile Board is composed of the county judge, the judges of the statutory county courts, and the district judges in Guadalupe County, rather than the county judge and the district judges in Guadalupe County. Deletes existing text authorizing the county judge to add the judge of the county court at law to the board or to, from time to time, designate the judge of the county court at law to serve on the board in the county judge's place.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.