BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The Judicial Council's Committee on Juvenile Reform has developed a number of recommendations designed to improve the administration of juvenile justice in Texas. One of these recommendations is to add the presiding municipal court judge and a justice of the peace to the county juvenile board in selected counties. H.B. 3815 would amend the composition of the Galveston County Juvenile Board, to include a municipal court judge and a justice of the peace.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3815 amends the composition of the Galveston County Juvenile Board, to include a municipal court judge and a justice of the peace.

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 152.0901(a), Human Resources Code, to provide that the Galveston County Juvenile Board is composed of a municipal judge in Galveston County, selected by majority vote of all the municipal judges in the county, and a justice of the peace in Galveston County, selected by a majority vote of all the justices of the peace in the county, among others.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.