

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, the Jim Wells County juvenile board is composed of one district court judge and one county court judge, which creates problems relating to establishing a quorum. The judges cannot be at the same functions at the same time without being considered a quorum. Additionally, if one of the two judges is unable to meet, the juvenile board cannot establish a quorum.

As proposed, H.B. 2502 increases the mandatory number of members which serve on the Jim Wells County juvenile board to a minimum of three members, not to exceed five members.

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 152.0032, Human Resources Code, as follows:

Sec. 152.0032. COMPOSITION OF JUVENILE BOARD. (a) Creates this subdivision from existing text.

(b) Provides that the juvenile board of Jim Wells County (board), is composed of the judges of the county and district courts in the county, notwithstanding Subsection (a). Requires the board to have not fewer than three nor more than five members. Authorizes the judges of the county and district courts to appoint an appropriate number of public members to serve on the board if necessary to satisfy that requirement. Provides that a public member serves without compensation, notwithstanding Section 152.0034(b) (regarding authorization of commissioners court to compensate board members). Requires the chairman of the board to determine the number of public members to be appointed to the board.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.