

House Bill No. 1551

An act relating to the Board of Juvenile Welfare, Pinellas County; amending chapter 23483, Laws of Florida, 1945, as amended; providing that the state attorney and the public defender for the county shall be members of the board; reducing the number of board members who are juvenile-division circuit judges and increasing the number of board members who are appointed by the Governor; requiring appointees of the Governor to be confirmed by the Senate; providing terms of office; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 23483, Laws of Florida, 1945, as amended, is amended to read:

Section 1. Juvenile Welfare Board created; terms of members.

There is hereby created for Pinellas County, Florida, a Board of Juvenile Welfare, which shall consist of ~~eleven (11)~~ nine (9) members. ~~One (1) member~~ Three (3) of said members shall be the county superintendent of public instruction, ~~and the second member shall be a judge in and both judges of the juvenile division of the circuit court, who each shall hold office on the said board during the term of office in the official capacity stated. The third and fourth members shall be the state attorney and the public defender for the county, and the fifth member shall be an appointed member of the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, who each shall hold office on the said board for a two-year term during the term of office in the official capacity stated. The other six (6) five (5) members shall be appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida and confirmed by the Senate. All appointments of members of the said board required to be made by the Governor shall be for the term of four (4) years each. If any of the members of the said board required to be appointed by the Governor under the provisions of this section~~ at shall resign, die, or be removed from office, the vacancy thereby created shall, as soon as practicable, be filled by appointment by the Governor, and such appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of the person who resigns, dies, or is removed from office.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 7, 2000.

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