

House BILL NO. 673

INTRODUCED BY Ketch

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS RELATING TO THE MONTANA YOUTH COURT ACT; REVISING THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF PROBATION OFFICERS; AMENDING SECTIONS 41-5-701, 41-5-704, AND 41-5-705, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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"41-5-701. Appointment of probation officers. The youth division court judge of each judicial district shall appoint such necessary probation officers as are required to carry out the purpose and intent of this chapter. He shall appoint such part-time probation officers as shall be required. The qualifications for part-time probation officers shall approximate those required for probation officers insofar as possible. A chief probation officer shall be appointed by the judge to supervise the youth division offices in the judicial district. The judge shall also insure that the youth division offices are staffed with necessary office personnel and that the offices are properly equipped to effectively carry out the purpose and intent of this chapter. No person while serving as a law enforcement officer shall be appointed or perform the duties of a

full-time or part-time probation officer."

Section 2. Section 41-5-704, MCA, is amended to read:

"41-5-704. Salary and expenses. (1) ~~A chief probation officer shall receive for his services a sum specified by the court; however, the judge may employ his on a yearly salary, not to be less than \$12,500 or more than \$16,000 depending on the formal training and experience of each respective officers.~~ A chief probation officer, depending on his formal training and experience as determined by the youth court judge, is entitled to receive a salary no lower than that of a state employee classified at grade 18 and no higher than that of a state employee classified at grade 20. The salary of such an officer shall be apportioned among and paid by each of the counties in which such the officer is appointed to act, in proportion to the assessed valuation of such the counties for the same year, except where such the officer is appointed for one county whereby such that county shall pay the entire salary.

(2) For all necessary travel incident to his official duties in connection with the investigation, supervision, and transportation of youth, the probation officer shall, in addition to his office salary, be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred."

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3 preference to persons having the qualifications suggested
4 for appointment as the chief probation officer, to serve as
5 deputy probation officers as the judge deems necessary.
6 ~~their salaries to be fixed by the judge. Such salaries~~
7 ~~shall not exceed 98% of the salary of the chief probation~~
8 officer. A deputy probation officer, depending on his formal
9 training and experience as determined by the youth court
10 judge, is entitled to receive a salary no lower than that of
11 a state employee classified at grade 13 and no higher than
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