

(2) relate to hours of work; vacations; holidays; sick leave; deductions for absences; retirement; medical care; hospitalization; and compensation, accident, hospital, and disability insurance.

(c) The district judges must uniformly apply the rules as far as practicable.

(d) If the district judges do not exercise their authority under Subsection (b):

(1) the juvenile board of the county may, to the extent the board determines, apply the rules to the juvenile and probation officers;

(2) the district judges may, to the extent the judges determine by vote of a majority present, apply the rules to the court reporters; and

(3) the county auditor may, to the extent the auditor determines and with the approval of a majority of the district judges, apply the rules to the county auditor and the auditor's assistants.

(e) A decision of the district judges under Subsection (d)(2), must be evidenced by an order entered in the minutes of each judge's court. A certified copy of the order must be given to the commissioners court of the county.

(f) If a juvenile or probation officer, a county auditor, or an assistant to the auditor is jointly employed by two or more subdivisions of government, the rules that are applied to that person may be changed accordingly. To achieve uniform application of the rules, the person may be considered to be employed and paid by only one subdivision, but the expenses of administration and contributions may be prorated to the different employing subdivisions.

(g) This section does not affect any other law that applies to the time, method, and manner of appointment or discharge of a juvenile or probation officer, a court reporter, or the county auditor or an assistant to the auditor or that applies to the number or salaries of those persons.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Renumbered from Sec. 157.062 by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 1, Sec. 37(a), eff. Aug. 28, 1989.

Sec. 157.903. AUTHORITY TO INDEMNIFY ELECTED AND APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICERS. The commissioners court of a county by order may provide for the indemnification of an elected or appointed county officer against personal liability for the loss of county funds, or loss of or damage to personal property, incurred by the officer in the performance of official duties if the loss was not the result of the officer's negligence or criminal action.

Added by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 253, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1989.