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House File 119

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Compensation of Public Officers.

## A BILL FOR

An Act to repeal section two hundred thirty-one point eight (231.8), Code 1946, providing for the appointment and compensation of probation officers in the Juvenile Court and to enact a substitute therefor.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. Section two hundred thirty-one point eight  
2 (231.8), Code 1946, is hereby repealed and the following is  
3 enacted in lieu thereof:

4 Probation Officers—Salaries. The judge designated  
5 as juvenile judge in each county, or where there is more  
6 than one judge designated such judges acting jointly, shall  
7 appoint probation officers and shall fix their compensation  
8 as hereinafter provided. Women may be appointed as  
9 probation officers and in counties where more than one  
10 officer is appointed at least one of such officers shall  
11 be a woman.

1 Sec. 2. In any county having a population of less than  
2 thirty thousand, one probation officer may be appointed  
3 to serve either part or full time. Such appointee may be

4 paid eight dollars per day or one dollar per hour for  
5 services actually rendered but shall receive not more than  
6 twenty-five hundred dollars in salary in any one year.

1 Sec. 3. In counties wherein there is an educational  
2 institution under the control of the State Board of  
3 Education, with a student enrollment of at least six  
4 thousand, and in counties having a population of more  
5 than thirty thousand and less than fifty thousand, a  
6 chief probation officer may be appointed at a salary not  
7 to exceed three thousand dollars per year and such deputy  
8 probation officers may be appointed as may be necessary to  
9 carry out the work of the court, but not more than four  
10 thousand dollars in salaries shall be paid such deputies  
11 in any one year and no deputy shall receive more than two  
12 thousand dollars in salary in any one years.

1 Sec. 4. In counties having a population of more than fifty  
2 thousand and less than one hundred twenty-five thousand, a  
3 chief probation officer may be appointed at a salary not to  
4 exceed thirty-six thousand dollars per year and such deputy  
5 probation officers may be appointed as may be necessary to  
6 carry out the work of the court, but not more than twelve  
7 thousand dollars in salaries shall be paid such deputies in  
8 any one year and no deputy shall receive more than  
9 twenty-five hundred dollars in salary in any one year.

1 Sec. 5. In counties having a population in excess of one  
2 hundred twenty-five thousand, a chief probation officer may

3 be appointed at a salary not to exceed forty-two hundred  
4 dollars per year and such deputy probation officers may be  
5 appointed as may be necessary to carry out the work of the  
6 court, but not more than twenty-six thousand dollars in  
7 salaries shall be paid such deputies in any one year and no  
8 deputy shall receive more than three thousand dollars in  
9 salary in any one year.

**EXPLANATION OF H. F. 119**

**Purpose of this bill is to adjust salaries of Juvenile Court Probation officers.**

Section 231.8 of the 1946 Code places statutory ceilings on salaries of the probation officers. These ceilings have been in effect for many years and were inadequate even before the last war. Now the situation is critical in that the various Juvenile Court Judges are having great difficulty in hiring and retaining qualified, competent persons to act as probation officers.

This bill was drafted by the Iowa Probation and Parole Officers Association after inviting opinion and comment from every District Court and Juvenile Court Judge in the State.