

January 29, 1959.  
Compensation of Public Officers.

**House File 189**  
By ANDREWS, REPPERT.

Passed House, Date..... Passed Senate, Date.....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays..... Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved.....

## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the appointment and compensation of probation officers in counties with population of more than two hundred thousand.

*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 1958, is hereby amended by adding the
- 3 following paragraph to subsection four (4):
- 4 In counties having a population in excess of two hundred
- 5 thousand a chief probation officer may be appointed at a
- 6 salary not exceeding seventy-five percent (75%) of the
- 7 salary of the juvenile court judge. An assistant chief
- 8 probation officer may be appointed at a salary not exceeding
- 9 sixty-five percent (65%) of the salary of the juvenile
- 10 court judge. Such deputy probation officers may be appointed
- 11 as may be necessary to carry out the work of the court and
- 12 may be paid a salary not exceeding sixty percent (60%) of the
- 13 salary of such judge.

### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 189

This bill proposes that probation officers be compensated in the same manner as deputy sheriffs, deputy auditors, deputy clerks, etc., who are paid a certain percentage of the salary of their superior officers. See sections 340.2 and 340.8 of the Code 1958.

Problems of juvenile delinquency and child neglect continue to increase in Iowa, especially in the more populous counties. Present statutory ceilings on salaries make it almost impossible to attract and hold the trained personnel needed to investigate and dispose of the difficult problems involved in these cases. Many of these children are mentally disturbed and require special planning and treatment. Many are so neglected they must be placed in foster homes and institutions. Proper handling of these children at the time they are in the juvenile court can prevent most of them from becoming life-long burdens to the taxpayers of the state.

1 Amend House File 189 as follows:

2 By striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting  
3 in lieu thereof the following:

4 Section 1. Section two hundred thirty-one point eight (231.8),  
5 Code 1958, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu  
6 thereof:

7 "The judge designated as judge of the juvenile court in any  
8 county, or where there is more than one (1) judge designated,  
9 such judges acting jointly, may appoint such probation officers  
10 as may be necessary to carry out the work of the court. In  
11 counties where more than one (1) officer is appointed, one (1)  
12 of such officers shall be designated as chief probation officer.  
13 The salaries of such officers shall be fixed by the judge or  
14 judges making the appointments, but in no case shall the salary  
15 of a chief probation officer exceed seventy percent (70%) of  
16 the salary of a juvenile court judge, nor shall the salary of a  
17 deputy probation officer exceed sixty percent (60%) of the  
18 salary of such judge.

19 Probation officers may be appointed to serve two (2) or more  
20 counties. The salaries of such officers and their deputies, if  
21 any, shall be fixed by the judges of the judicial district  
22 containing such counties and such salaries and the expenses of  
23 the probation offices shall be prorated among the counties served  
24 in such proportion as may be determined by said judges who shall,  
25 in making such determination, consider the volume of work in the  
26 several counties. Such officers may be paid not to exceed sixty  
27 percent (60%) of the salary of the juvenile court judge.

28 "Such secretarial and clerical help as may be needed in the  
29 administration of any probation office may be appointed by  
30 the judge or judges of the juvenile court who may fix their  
31 salaries at not more than forty percent (40%) of the salary  
32 of the juvenile court judge."

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