

**232.153 Applicability of this chapter prior to its effective date.**

1. Except as provided in [subsections 2 and 3](#) of [this section](#), [this chapter](#) does not apply to juvenile court cases brought prior to July 1, 1979 or to acts committed prior to July 1, 1979 which would otherwise bring a child or a child's parent, guardian or custodian within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to [this chapter](#).

2. In a case pending on or commenced after July 1, 1979, involving acts committed prior to July 1, 1979, upon the request of any party and the approval of the court:

a. Procedural provisions of [this chapter](#) shall apply insofar as they are justly applicable.

b. The court may order a disposition of the case pursuant to the provisions of [this chapter](#).

3. Provisions of [this chapter](#) governing the termination, modification or vacation of a dispositional order shall apply to persons to whom a dispositional order has been issued for acts committed prior to July 1, 1979, except that the maximum length of the order and the severity of the disposition shall not be increased. The provisions of [this chapter](#) shall not affect the substantive or procedural validity of a judgment entered before July 1, 1979, regardless of the fact that appeal time has not run or that an appeal is pending.

[C81, §232.153]

Referred to in [§216A.136](#)