

County Commissioners upon the approval and order of said Court. Two or more adjacent counties may, with the consent of the judges of the Judicial Circuit or Circuits wherein they are situate, arrange for the appointment of a joint probation officer to serve the counties so arranging; and the County Commissioners of each of such Counties shall have power to make all necessary levies and appropriations to pay the salary and expenses of such probation officer in such proportion as shall be mutually agreed by said County Commissioners.

An. Code, sec. 53. 1916, ch. 326, sec. 7.

53. In the event that any minor, charged by petition filed under this sub-title with a criminal offense for which a jury trial may be legally demandable, may pray a jury trial when brought before the Circuit Court for any County, sitting in Juvenile Causes, then said Court shall direct said charge against said minor to be tried in like manner as other criminal cases are now or may hereafter be tried; and the said Court shall have and exercise in such case all its ordinary powers over the person of said minor pending information, indictment or trial.

An. Code, sec. 54. 1916, ch. 326, sec. 8.

54. If upon hearing and investigation, the Circuit Court of any of the several Counties, sitting in Juvenile Causes, shall find any male child under twenty years of age, or any female child under the age of eighteen, to be dependent, neglected or delinquent within the meaning of this sub-title said Court may allow such child to remain at its home, subject to the supervision of the probation officer, and may require such child to report to said Court or probation officer at such times as said Court shall order. Or if said Court shall then or thereafter find the parent, parents, guardian or custodian of such child an unfit or improper person or persons, or unable or unwilling to care for, protect, train, educate or discipline such child, and shall further find it to be to the interest of such child or the people of said County that such child be taken from the custody of such parent, parents, guardian or custodian, said Court may pass an order committing the child to the custody of some agency, or to some suitable institution, State or otherwise organized for the care of children, until it becomes twenty-one years of age; and said agency or institution may place such child in the home of some suitable family. Said Court, however, shall retain the right to remove such child from such family, home, agency, or institution, for such reasons as the Court may determine sufficient.

An. Code, sec. 55. 1916, ch. 326, sec. 9.

55. Whenever any such child is so committed to an agency or institution, and the said child is placed, by such agency or institution, in a family home, as hereinbefore authorized, it shall be the duty of such agency or institution to cause one of its responsible representatives to visit such child at least once in every three months, unless otherwise ordered by said Court, and to report to said Court the condition and progress of such child;