

male or female who shall be paid in monthly installments by the County Commissioners of said County a salary to be fixed by said Court. It shall be the duty of such officer or officers to inform himself or themselves when any child is to be brought into said Court, and to make investigations of all such cases, to be present in Court to represent the interest of the child when the case is heard, and to furnish said Court such information and assistance as said Court may require, and to take charge of such child before or after the trial as said Court may direct, and whenever such probation officer shall have knowledge of any dependent, neglected, or delinquent child, it shall be the duty of such officer to bring the same to the attention of said Court by petition, as hereinbefore provided. In addition to the salary above provided for such probation officer, he or she, shall be allowed for all actual and reasonable travelling expenses when in the discharge of duties imposed by order of said Court, to be paid by the 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.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That in the event that any minor, charged by petition filed under this Act 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.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That 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 Act said Court may allow such child to remain at its home, subject to the supervision of the probation