

48F. The Judge may appoint a suitable person to act as probation officer, who shall receive such salary or compensation as may be fixed by the County Commissioners and such actual traveling expenses as may be approved by the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners of two or more counties of either one or more judicial circuits may extend the work of any such probation officer to two or more counties of either one or more judicial circuits, whenever by reason of the volume of work to be handled or from another cause such arrangement is deemed best. Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed adversely to affect the status, either as to compensation or as to tenure of employment, of any probation officer employed by any Circuit Court immediately prior to June 1, 1945.

48G. The probation officer shall make such preliminary investigation of any child subject to the jurisdiction of the Court as may be directed by the Judge. Upon the conclusion of such investigation the probation officer in his discretion may, and at the direction of the Judge shall, transmit to the Judge all papers relating to the case, together with his findings and recommendations in writing. The probation officer shall give such assistance as the Judge may require of him during the progress of the case, including investigations of the subsequent conduct of any child once subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. The Judge in his discretion may make use of the findings and recommendations of any other person or agency, either private or public, in the disposition of any such child.

48H. Whenever a child is brought before the Court the Judge shall, unless in his opinion it is impracticable or inadvisable, release the child pending trial to the custody of the parent, guardian or custodian of such child. If not so released, such child shall be taken immediately to a place of detention designated by the Judge. No such child shall be confined in any police station, prison, jail or lock-up, unless in a room or ward entirely separate from adults, or be transported or detained in association with criminal, vicious or dissolute persons. Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed as forbidding any peace officer from immediately taking into custody any child who is found violating any law or ordinance. In every case the officer taking the child into custody shall immediately report the fact to the Court and the case shall then be proceeded with as provided in this sub-title.

48-I. Unless and until provision shall be made for a temporary detention home for children coming under the jurisdiction of the Court, the Judge may arrange for the care and custody of such children temporarily by the County Welfare Board, or other institution, agency or person.