

**COUNTY OF SAN BENITO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION**

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**ORGANIZATION**

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission shall consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) people and shall be appointed by the Superior Court of San Benito County. Two of said members must be under twenty-one (21) years of age.

A regular meeting time and place shall be established.

An agenda shall be prepared and distributed in advance of the regular meetings. The Chairman, in consultation with staff, should prepare the agenda.

A quorum for doing business shall be set.

Minutes shall be taken and mailed to the commissioners before the next meeting.

The officers shall be elected annually, and committees appointed in regard to on-going and special problems.

The officers shall consist of:

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Secretary-Treasurer

The Commission of San Benito County will be staffed by the Chief Probation Officer (for his delegate), a paid secretary, and others as needed.

The purpose of this Commission is to provide citizen leadership for the development of new and improved programs which reduce delinquency and divert young people from the criminal justice systems.

Commissioners shall attain and maintain current information regarding the problems, concerns, and needs of young people.

The Commission has a duty to inquire into the administration of the Juvenile Court Law in San Benito County annually.

The Commission shall assist the Judge of the Juvenile Court in the selection of the County Probation Officer as outlined in Section 575 of the Welfare and Institutions Code unless other methods of appointment have been established by charter or code provisions for San Benito County.

## EXTRACTS FROM WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

### Article 2. Commissions and Committees

#### 525. JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSIONS.

In each county there shall be a juvenile justice commission consisting of not less than nine citizens. Each person serving as a member of a probation committee immediately prior to the effective date of this section shall be a member of the juvenile justice commission and shall continue to serve as such until such time as his term of appointment as a member of the probation committee would have expired under any prior provision of law. Upon a vacancy occurring in the membership of the commission and upon the expiration of the term of office of any member, a successor shall be appointed by the judge of the juvenile court for a term of four (4) years. When a vacancy occurs for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office, the appointee to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

#### 527. APPOINTMENT.

The clerk of the court of the appointing judge shall immediately notify each person appointed a member of the county juvenile justice commission and thereupon such person shall appear before the appointing judge and qualify by taking an oath faithfully to perform the duties of a member of the juvenile justice commission. The qualification of each member shall be entered into the juvenile court record.

#### 528. OFFICERS.

A juvenile justice commission shall elect a chairman and vice chairman and secretary/treasurer annually.

#### 529. DUTIES.

It shall be the duty of a juvenile justice commission to inquire into the administration of the juvenile court law in the county the commission serves. For this purpose the commission shall have access to all publicly administered institutions authorized or whose use is authorized by this chapter situated in the county, shall inspect such institutions no less frequently than once a year, and may hold hearings. A judge of

the juvenile court shall have the power to issue subpoenas requiring attendance and testimony of witnesses and production of papers at hearings of the commission.

A juvenile justice delinquency prevention commission shall annually inspect any jail or lockup within the county which in the preceding calendar year was used for confinement of more than 24 hours of any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years. It shall report the results of such inspection together with its recommendations based thereon, in writing, to the juvenile court and to the Youth Authority.

Juvenile justice commission member shall be considered to have vacated their office if they have three (3) consecutive unexcused absents from regularly scheduled meetings

#### 530. RECOMMENDATIONS.

A juvenile justice commission may recommend to any person charged with the administration of any of the provisions of this chapter such changes as it has concluded, after investigation, will be beneficial. A commission may publicize its recommendations.

#### 531 EXPENSES.

Members of a juvenile justice commission shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Such reimbursement shall be made by the county of appointment or, in lieu of such actual and necessary expenses the commission shall be paid not to exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per meeting not exceeding two meetings per month. (added by Stats. 1961, Ch.1616; Amended by Stats.1965, Ch.458.)

#### 535. DELINQUENCY PREVENTION.

The board of supervisors may by ordinance provide for the establishment, support, and maintenance of one or more agencies or departments to co-operate with and assist in coordinate on a county wide basis the work of those community agencies engaged in activities designed to prevent juvenile and adult delinquency; and such agencies or departments may co-operate with any such public or community committees, agencies, or councils at their invitation.

#### 535.5 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION.

The board of supervisors may by ordinance provide for the establishment, support, and

maintenance of a delinquency prevention commission, composed of not fewer than nine (9) citizens, to coordinate on a county wide basis the work of those governmental and nongovernmental organizations engaged in activities designed to prevent juvenile delinquency. If the board so elects, it may designate the juvenile justice commission, or any other committee or council appointed pursuant to Section 525 or 536 of this code, to serve in such capacity.

The commission may receive funds from governmental and nongovernmental sources to hire an executive secretary and necessary staff and to defray needed administrative expenses. The board of supervisors may direct any county department to provide necessary staff service to the commission. The commission may expend its funds on specific projects designed to accomplish its objectives.

Members of the delinquency preventions commission shall be appointed by the board of supervisors to serve a term of four years, and they shall be reimbursed for their performance of their duties. Upon a vacancy occurring expiration in the term of office of any member, a successor shall be appointed by the board of supervisors. When a vacancy occurs for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office, the appointee to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his predecessor. (Added by Stats.1965, Ch.1342)

536. DELINQUENCY PREVENTION.

The juvenile court and the probation department of any county may establish, or assist in the establishment of any public council or committee having as its object the prevention of juvenile delinquency and may co-operate with, or participate in, the work of any such councils or committees for the purpose of preventing or decreasing juvenile delinquency, including the improving of recreational, health and other conditions in the community affecting juvenile welfare.

537. (IN SAN BENITO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSIONERS  
AUTOMATICALLY SERVE AS DELINQUENCY PREVENTIONS  
COMMISSIONERS.)