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**ARTICLE 3**

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**JUDICIARY POLICY WITH FISCAL COST**

42.26 Section 1. **[260C.419] STATEWIDE OFFICE OF APPELLATE COUNSEL AND**  
42.27 **TRAINING.**

42.28 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the  
42.29 meanings given.

42.30 (b) "Board" means the State Board of Appellate Counsel and Training.

43.1 (c) "Juvenile protection matter" means any of the following:

43.2 (1) child in need of protection or services matters as defined in section 260C.007,  
43.3 subdivision 6, including habitual truant and runaway matters;

43.4 (2) neglected and in foster care matters as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 24;

43.5 (3) review of voluntary foster care matters as defined in section 260C.141, subdivision  
43.6 2;

43.7 (4) review of out-of-home placement matters as defined in section 260C.212;

43.8 (5) termination of parental rights matters as defined in sections 260C.301 to 260C.328;  
43.9 and

43.10 (6) permanent placement matters as defined in sections 260C.503 to 260C.521, including  
43.11 matters involving termination of parental rights, guardianship to the commissioner of human  
43.12 services, transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative, permanent custody  
43.13 to the agency, temporary legal custody to the agency, and matters involving voluntary  
43.14 placement pursuant to section 260D.07.

43.15 (d) "Office" means the Statewide Office of Appellate Counsel and Training.

43.16 Subd. 2. **Statewide Office of Appellate Counsel and Training; establishment.** (a)  
43.17 The Statewide Office of Appellate Counsel and Training is established as an independent  
43.18 state office. The office shall be responsible for:

43.19 (1) establishing and maintaining a system for providing appellate representation to  
43.20 parents in juvenile protection matters, as provided in section 260C.163, subdivision 3,  
43.21 paragraph (c), and in Tribal court jurisdictions;

43.22 (2) providing training to all parent attorneys practicing in the state on topics relevant to  
43.23 their practice and establishing practice standards and training requirements for parent  
43.24 attorneys practicing in the state; and

43.25 (3) collaborating with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to coordinate and  
43.26 secure federal Title IV-E support for counties and Tribes interested in accessing federal  
43.27 funding.

43.28 (b) The office shall be governed by a board as provided in subdivision 3.

43.29 Subd. 3. **State Board of Appellate Counsel and Training; structure; membership.** (a)  
43.30 The State Board of Appellate Counsel and Training is established to direct the Statewide  
43.31 Office of Appellate Counsel and Training. The board shall consist of seven members,  
43.32 including:

44.1 (1) four public members appointed by the governor; and

44.2 (2) three members appointed by the supreme court, at least one of whom must have  
44.3 experience representing parents in juvenile court and who include two attorneys admitted  
44.4 to practice law in the state and one public member.

44.5 (b) The appointing authorities may not appoint any of the following to be a member of  
44.6 the board:

44.7 (1) a person who is a judge;

44.8 (2) a person who is a registered lobbyist;

44.9 (3) a person serving as a guardian ad litem or counsel for a guardian ad litem;

44.10 (4) a person who serves as counsel for children in juvenile court;

44.11 (5) a person under contract with or employed by the Department of Human Services or  
44.12 a county department of human or social services; or

44.13 (6) a current city or county attorney or assistant city or county attorney.

44.14 (c) All members shall demonstrate an interest in maintaining a high quality, independent  
44.15 appellate defense system for parents in juvenile protection proceedings who are unable to  
44.16 obtain adequate representation, a robust program for parent attorneys in Minnesota, and an  
44.17 efficient coordination effort, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, to  
44.18 secure and utilize Title IV-E funding. At least one member of the board appointed by the  
44.19 governor must be a representative from a federally recognized Indian Tribe. No more than  
44.20 five members of the board may belong to the same political party. At least three members  
44.21 of the board shall be from judicial districts other than the First, Second, Fourth, and Tenth  
44.22 Judicial Districts. To the extent practicable, the membership of the board must include  
44.23 persons with disabilities, reflect the ethnic diversity of the state, take into consideration race  
44.24 and gender, and include persons from throughout the state. The members shall be well  
44.25 acquainted with representing parents in district court and appellate proceedings related to  
44.26 child protection matters as well as the law that affect a parent attorney's work, including  
44.27 chapter 260C, the Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure, the Rules of Civil Appellate  
44.28 Procedure, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation

44.29 Act. The terms, compensation, and removal of members shall be as provided in section  
44.30 15.0575. The members shall elect a chair from among the membership and the chair shall  
44.31 serve a term of two years.

44.32 Subd. 4. **Head appellate counsel for parents; assistant and contracted attorneys;**  
44.33 **other employees.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2024, and for every four years after that date,  
45.1 the board shall appoint a head appellate counsel in charge of executing the responsibilities  
45.2 of the office who shall provide for sufficient appellate counsel for parents and other personnel  
45.3 necessary to discharge the functions of the office. The head appellate counsel shall serve a  
45.4 four-year term and may be removed only for cause upon the order of the board. The head  
45.5 appellate counsel shall be a full-time qualified attorney, licensed to practice law in this state,  
45.6 and serve in the unclassified service of the state. Vacancies of the office shall be filled by  
45.7 the appointing authority for the unexpired term. The head appellate counsel shall devote  
45.8 full time to the performance of duties and shall not engage in the general practice of law.  
45.9 The compensation of the head appellate counsel shall be set by the board and shall be  
45.10 commensurate with county attorneys in the state.

45.11 (b) Consistent with the decisions of the board, the head appellate counsel shall employ  
45.12 assistants or hire independent contractors to serve as appellate counsel for parents. Each  
45.13 assistant appellate counsel and independent contractor serves at the pleasure of the head  
45.14 appellate counsel. The compensation of assistant appellate counsel and independent  
45.15 contractors shall be set by the board and shall be commensurate with county attorneys in  
45.16 the state.

45.17 (c) A person serving as appellate counsel shall be a qualified attorney licensed to practice  
45.18 law in this state. A person serving as appellate counsel practicing in Tribal court shall be a  
45.19 licensed attorney qualified to practice law in Tribal courts in the state. Assistant appellate  
45.20 counsel and contracted appellate counsel may engage in the general practice of law where  
45.21 not employed or contracted to provide services on a full-time basis.

45.22 (d) The head appellate counsel shall, consistent with the responsibilities under subdivision  
45.23 2, employ or hire the following:

45.24 (1) one managing appellate attorney;

45.25 (2) two staff attorneys;

45.26 (3) one director of training;

45.27 (4) one program administrator to support Title IV-E reimbursement in collaboration  
45.28 with the Department of Human Services; and

45.29 (5) one office administrator.

45.30 (e) Each employee identified in paragraph (d) serves at the pleasure of the head appellate  
45.31 counsel. The compensation of each employee shall be set by the board and shall be  
45.32 commensurate with county attorneys in the state.

- 46.1 (f) Any person serving as managing appellate attorney, staff attorney, and director of  
46.2 training shall be a qualified attorney licensed to practice law in the state.
- 46.3 (g) A person serving as the program administrator and office administrator must be  
46.4 chosen solely on the basis of training, experience, and qualifications.
- 46.5 Subd. 5. Duties and responsibilities. (a) The board shall work cooperatively with the  
46.6 head appellate counsel to govern the office and provide fiscal oversight.
- 46.7 (b) The board shall approve and recommend to the legislature a budget for the board,  
46.8 the office, and any programs operated by that office.
- 46.9 (c) The board shall establish procedures for distribution of funding under this section to  
46.10 the office and any programs operated by that office.
- 46.11 (d) The head appellate counsel with the approval of the board shall establish appellate  
46.12 program standards, administrative policies, procedures, and rules consistent with statute,  
46.13 rules of court, and laws that affect appellate counsel's work. The standards must include but  
46.14 are not limited to:
- 46.15 (1) standards needed to maintain and operate an appellate counsel for parents program,  
46.16 including requirements regarding the qualifications, training, and size of the legal and  
46.17 supporting staff for an appellate counsel program;
- 46.18 (2) standards for appellate counsel caseloads;
- 46.19 (3) standards and procedures for the eligibility of appointment, assessment, and collection  
46.20 of the costs for legal representation provided by appellate counsel;
- 46.21 (4) standards for contracts between contracted appellate counsel and the state appellate  
46.22 counsel program for the legal representation of indigent persons;
- 46.23 (5) standards prescribing minimum qualifications of counsel appointed under the board's  
46.24 authority or by the courts; and
- 46.25 (6) standards ensuring the independent, competent, and efficient representation of clients  
46.26 whose cases present conflicts of interest.
- 46.27 (e) The head appellate counsel, with approval of the board, shall establish training  
46.28 program standards and processes and procedures necessary to carry out the office's  
46.29 responsibilities for statewide training of parent attorneys, including but not limited to  
46.30 establishing uniform practice standards and training requirements for all parent attorneys  
46.31 practicing in the state.
- 47.1 (f) The head appellate counsel and the program administrator with approval of the board  
47.2 shall establish processes and procedures for collaborating with the Department of Human  
47.3 Services to secure and utilize Title IV-E funds and communicating with counties and Tribes  
47.4 and any other processes and procedures necessary to carry out the office's responsibilities.

47.5 (g) The board may:

47.6 (1) propose statutory changes to the legislature and rule changes to the supreme court  
47.7 that are in the best interests of the operation of the appellate counsel for parents program;  
47.8 and

47.9 (2) require the reporting of statistical data, budget information, and other cost factors  
47.10 by the appellate counsel for parents program.

47.11 Subd. 6. **Limitation.** In no event shall the board or its members interfere with the  
47.12 discretion, judgment, or zealous advocacy of counsel in their handling of individual cases  
47.13 as a part of the judicial branch of government.

47.14 Subd. 7. **Budget; county and Tribe use.** The establishment of the office and its  
47.15 employees and support staff and the board shall be funded by the state of Minnesota.  
47.16 Minnesota counties and Tribes may utilize this office to provide appellate representation  
47.17 to indigent parents in their jurisdiction who are seeking an appeal and for assistance in  
47.18 securing Title IV-E funding through collaboration with the Department of Human Services.

47.19 Subd. 8. **Collection of costs; appropriation.** If any of the costs provided by appellate  
47.20 counsel are assessed and collected or otherwise reimbursed from any source, the State Board  
47.21 of Appellate Counsel and Training shall deposit payments in a separate account established  
47.22 in the special revenue fund. The amount credited to this account is appropriated to the State  
47.23 Board of Appellate Counsel and Training. The balance of this account does not cancel but  
47.24 is available until expended.

47.25 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 357.021, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

47.26 Subd. 2. **Fee amounts.** The fees to be charged and collected by the court administrator  
47.27 shall be as follows:

47.28 (1) In every civil action or proceeding in said court, including any case arising under  
47.29 the tax laws of the state that could be transferred or appealed to the Tax Court, the plaintiff,  
47.30 petitioner, or other moving party shall pay, when the first paper is filed for that party in said  
47.31 action, a fee of \$285, except in marriage dissolution actions the fee is \$315.

48.1 The defendant or other adverse or intervening party, or any one or more of several  
48.2 defendants or other adverse or intervening parties appearing separately from the others,  
48.3 shall pay, when the first paper is filed for that party in said action, a fee of \$285, except in  
48.4 marriage dissolution actions the fee is \$315. This subdivision does not apply to the filing  
48.5 of an Application for Discharge of Judgment. Section 548.181 applies to an Application  
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48.8 The fees above stated shall be the full trial fee chargeable to said parties irrespective of  
48.9 whether trial be to the court alone, to the court and jury, or disposed of without trial, and  
48.10 shall include the entry of judgment in the action, but does not include copies or certified  
48.11 copies of any papers so filed or proceedings under chapter 103E, except the provisions  
48.12 therein as to appeals.

48.13 (2) Certified copy of any instrument from a civil or criminal proceeding, \$14, ~~and \$8~~  
48.14 ~~for an uncertified copy.~~

48.15 (3) Issuing a subpoena, \$16 for each name.

48.16 (4) Filing a motion or response to a motion in civil, family, excluding child support, and  
48.17 guardianship cases, \$75.

48.18 (5) Issuing an execution and filing the return thereof; issuing a writ of attachment,  
48.19 injunction, habeas corpus, mandamus, quo warranto, certiorari, or other writs not specifically  
48.20 mentioned, \$55.

48.21 (6) Issuing a transcript of judgment, or for filing and docketing a transcript of judgment  
48.22 from another court, \$40.

48.23 (7) Filing and entering a satisfaction of judgment, partial satisfaction, or assignment of  
48.24 judgment, \$5.

48.25 (8) Certificate as to existence or nonexistence of judgments docketed, \$5 for each name  
48.26 certified to.

48.27 (9) Filing and indexing trade name; or recording basic science certificate; or recording  
48.28 certificate of physicians, osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, veterinarians, or optometrists,  
48.29 \$5.

48.30 (10) For the filing of each partial, final, or annual account in all trusteeships, \$55.

48.31 (11) For the deposit of a will, \$27.

48.32 (12) For recording notary commission, \$20.

49.1 (13) Filing a motion or response to a motion for modification of child support, a fee of  
49.2 \$50.

49.3 (14) All other services required by law for which no fee is provided, such fee as compares  
49.4 favorably with those herein provided, or such as may be fixed by rule or order of the court.

49.5 (15) In addition to any other filing fees under this chapter, a surcharge in the amount of  
49.6 \$75 must be assessed in accordance with section 259.52, subdivision 14, for each adoption  
49.7 petition filed in district court to fund the fathers' adoption registry under section 259.52.

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40.15 petition filed in district court to fund the fathers' adoption registry under section 259.52.

49.8 The fees in clauses (3) and (5) need not be paid by a public authority or the party the  
49.9 public authority represents. No fee may be charged for an uncertified copy of an instrument  
49.10 from a civil or criminal proceeding.

49.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 363A.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

49.12 Subdivision 1. **Formulation of policies.** (a) The commissioner shall formulate policies  
49.13 to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and shall do the following:

49.14 (1) exercise leadership under the direction of the governor in the development of human  
49.15 rights policies and programs, and make recommendations to the governor and the legislature  
49.16 for their consideration and implementation;

49.17 (2) establish and maintain a principal office in St. Paul, and any other necessary branch  
49.18 offices at any location within the state;

49.19 (3) meet and function at any place within the state;

49.20 (4) employ attorneys, clerks, and other employees and agents as the commissioner may  
49.21 deem necessary and prescribe their duties;

49.22 (5) to the extent permitted by federal law and regulation, utilize the records of the  
49.23 Department of Employment and Economic Development of the state when necessary to  
49.24 effectuate the purposes of this chapter;

49.25 (6) obtain upon request and utilize the services of all state governmental departments  
49.26 and agencies;

49.27 (7) adopt suitable rules for effectuating the purposes of this chapter;

49.28 (8) issue complaints, receive and investigate charges alleging unfair discriminatory  
49.29 practices, and determine whether or not probable cause exists for hearing;

50.1 (9) subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require the production for  
50.2 examination of any books or papers relative to any matter under investigation or in question  
50.3 as the commissioner deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

50.4 (10) attempt, by means of education, conference, conciliation, and persuasion to eliminate  
50.5 unfair discriminatory practices as being contrary to the public policy of the state;

50.6 (11) develop and conduct programs of formal and informal education designed to  
50.7 eliminate discrimination and intergroup conflict by use of educational techniques and  
50.8 programs the commissioner deems necessary;

50.9 (12) make a written report of the activities of the commissioner to the governor each  
50.10 year;

40.16 The fees in clauses (3) and (5) need not be paid by a public authority or the party the  
40.17 public authority represents. No fee may be charged to view or download a publicly available  
40.18 instrument from a civil or criminal proceeding or for an uncertified copy of that instrument.

40.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

69.23 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 363A.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

69.24 Subdivision 1. **Formulation of policies.** (a) The commissioner shall formulate policies  
69.25 to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and shall do the following:

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69.27 rights policies and programs, and make recommendations to the governor and the legislature  
69.28 for their consideration and implementation;

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69.30 offices at any location within the state;

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70.13 unfair discriminatory practices as being contrary to the public policy of the state;

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70.15 eliminate discrimination and intergroup conflict by use of educational techniques and  
70.16 programs the commissioner deems necessary;

70.17 (12) make a written report of the activities of the commissioner to the governor each  
70.18 year;

50.11 (13) accept gifts, bequests, grants, or other payments public and private to help finance  
50.12 the activities of the department;

50.13 (14) create such local and statewide advisory committees as will in the commissioner's  
50.14 judgment aid in effectuating the purposes of the Department of Human Rights;

50.15 (15) develop such programs as will aid in determining the compliance throughout the  
50.16 state with the provisions of this chapter, and in the furtherance of such duties, conduct  
50.17 research and study discriminatory practices based upon race, color, creed, religion, national  
50.18 origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, familial  
50.19 status, sexual orientation, or other factors and develop accurate data on the nature and extent  
50.20 of discrimination and other matters as they may affect housing, employment, public  
50.21 accommodations, schools, and other areas of public life;

50.22 (16) develop and disseminate technical assistance to persons subject to the provisions  
50.23 of this chapter, and to agencies and officers of governmental and private agencies;

50.24 (17) provide staff services to such advisory committees as may be created in aid of the  
50.25 functions of the Department of Human Rights;

50.26 (18) make grants in aid to the extent that appropriations are made available for that  
50.27 purpose in aid of carrying out duties and responsibilities; ~~and~~

50.28 (19) cooperate and consult with the commissioner of labor and industry regarding the  
50.29 investigation of violations of, and resolution of complaints regarding section 363A.08,  
50.30 subdivision 7-; and

50.31 (20) solicit, receive, and compile information from community organizations, school  
50.32 districts and charter schools, and individuals regarding incidents committed in whole or in  
51.1 substantial part because of the victim's or another's actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity,  
51.2 religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, national  
51.3 origin, or disability as defined in section 363A.03, or because of the victim's actual or  
51.4 perceived association with another person or group of a certain actual or perceived race,  
51.5 color, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression,  
51.6 age, national origin, or disability as defined in section 363A.03, and compile data in the  
51.7 aggregate on the nature and extent of ~~the~~ incidents and include summary data as defined by  
51.8 section 13.02, subdivision 19, on this information in the report required under clause (12),  
51.9 disaggregated by the type of incident and the actual or perceived characteristic for which  
51.10 the person was targeted. The commissioner shall provide information on the department's  
51.11 website about when and how a victim can report criminal conduct to a law enforcement  
51.12 agency. Data collected and maintained under this clause are private data on individuals as  
51.13 defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

51.14 In performing these duties, the commissioner shall give priority to those duties in clauses  
51.15 (8), (9), and (10) and to the duties in section 363A.36.

70.19 (13) accept gifts, bequests, grants, or other payments public and private to help finance  
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70.31 of this chapter, and to agencies and officers of governmental and private agencies;

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71.13 perceived association with another person or group of a certain actual or perceived race,  
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51.16 (b) All gifts, bequests, grants, or other payments, public and private, accepted under  
51.17 paragraph (a), clause (13), must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a special  
51.18 account. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of human rights to help  
51.19 finance activities of the department.

51.20 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 484.85, is amended to read:

51.21 **484.85 DISPOSITION OF FINES, FEES, AND OTHER MONEY; ACCOUNTS;**  
51.22 **RAMSEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT.**

51.23 (a) In all cases prosecuted in Ramsey County District Court by an attorney for a  
51.24 municipality or subdivision of government within Ramsey County for violation of a statute;  
51.25 an ordinance; or a charter provision, rule, or regulation of a city; all fines, penalties, and  
51.26 forfeitures collected by the court administrator shall be deposited in the state treasury and  
51.27 distributed according to this paragraph. Except where a different disposition is provided by  
51.28 section 299D.03, subdivision 5, or other law, on or before the last day of each month, the  
51.29 court shall pay over all fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected by the court administrator  
51.30 during the previous month as follows:

51.31 ~~(1) for offenses committed within the city of St. Paul, two-thirds paid to the treasurer~~  
51.32 ~~of the city of St. Paul municipality or subdivision of government within Ramsey County~~  
51.33 ~~and one-third credited to the state general fund; and~~

52.1 ~~(2) for offenses committed within any other municipality or subdivision of government~~  
52.2 ~~within Ramsey County, one-half paid to the treasurer of the municipality or subdivision of~~  
52.3 ~~government and one-half credited to the state general fund.~~

52.4 All other fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected by the district court shall be distributed  
52.5 by the courts as provided by law.

52.6 (b) Fines, penalties, and forfeitures shall be distributed as provided in paragraph (a)  
52.7 when:

52.8 (1) a city contracts with the county attorney for prosecutorial services under section  
52.9 484.87, subdivision 3; or

52.10 (2) the attorney general provides assistance to the city attorney under section 484.87,  
52.11 subdivision 5.

71.25 (b) All gifts, bequests, grants, or other payments, public and private, accepted under  
71.26 paragraph (a), clause (13), must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a special  
71.27 account. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of human rights to help  
71.28 finance activities of the department.

71.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

40.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 611.23, is amended to read:

40.21 **611.23 OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER; APPOINTMENT; SALARY.**

40.22 The state public defender is responsible to the State Board of Public Defense. The state  
40.23 public defender shall supervise the operation, activities, policies, and procedures of the

52.12 Sec. 5. **APPELLATE COUNSEL FOR PARENTS; SUPPORT FOR**  
52.13 **ESTABLISHMENT.**

52.14 The Management Analysis and Development Division of Management and Budget shall  
52.15 provide technical support for the establishment of the Statewide Office of Appellate Counsel  
52.16 and Training and the State Board of Appellate Counsel and Training established under  
52.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 260C.419.

40.24 statewide public defender system. When requested by a district public defender or appointed  
40.25 counsel, the state public defender may assist the district public defender, appointed counsel,  
40.26 or an organization designated in section 611.216 in the performance of duties, including  
40.27 trial representation in matters involving legal conflicts of interest or other special  
40.28 circumstances, and assistance with legal research and brief preparation. The state public  
40.29 defender shall be appointed by the State Board of Public Defense for a term of four years,  
40.30 except as otherwise provided in this section, and until a successor is appointed and qualified.  
40.31 The state public defender shall be a full-time qualified attorney, licensed to practice law in  
40.32 this state, serve in the unclassified service of the state, and be removed only for cause by  
41.1 the appointing authority. Vacancies in the office shall be filled by the appointing authority  
41.2 for the unexpired term. The salary of the state public defender shall be fixed by the State  
41.3 Board of Public Defense but must not exceed the salary of a district court judge. Terms of  
41.4 the state public defender shall commence on July 1. The state public defender shall devote  
41.5 full time to the performance of duties and shall not engage in the general practice of law.