

JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

AUTHORITY: Administrative Directive
Welfare & Institutions Code Sections 225 – 231

RESCINDS: Procedure Manual Item **3-4-001**, dated **08/18/23 (RECERTIFIED)**

FORMS: None

PURPOSE: To define the purpose and authority of the Juvenile Justice Commission

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. In each county, there shall be a Juvenile Justice Commission comprised of no less than 7 and no more than 15 citizens appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, with the concurrence of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and are assigned to serve a four-year term. Two of the positions are youth members between the ages of 14 and 21 years. Under statutory authority, the Commission operates as an investigative and advisory arm of Superior Court in matters concerning juveniles.
- B. The Commission is responsible for the inspection of juvenile facilities, Municipal Jails and County Jail facilities where youth are detained pending Court adjudication or are committed by the Juvenile Court for rehabilitation, including group homes. The commission also responds to system-related information requests, and investigates written complaints concerning the Juvenile Justice system.
- C. Twice a year, the Commission inspects any county facility which was used for confinement of any youth for more than 24 hours in the preceding calendar year. One of these inspections will be announced and one will be unannounced. Findings may be reported to the facility inspected, the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Chief Probation Officer, County Welfare Director, or the State Department of Social Services, to resolve any problems or to submit a plan of action.

REFERENCES:

None

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