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JUVENILE COURTS ACT

Establishment of juvenile courts

1. (1) Notwithstanding the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act, the Governor in Council may by regulation—

(a) provide for—

(i) the establishment of one or more separate juvenile courts,

(ii) juvenile courts to be held elsewhere than in the buildings used as Magistrate's Court,

(iii) fixing the time when juvenile courts shall be held, and

(iv) every juvenile court to be constituted of the Magistrate and such other persons to be called assessors appointed by the Governor; and

(b) make rules regulating the procedure in juvenile courts.

(2) Nothing in a regulation prevents the Magistrate in any case where he considers that it would be impracticable for the court to be constituted in manner provided by regulation, or that it would be inexpedient in the interests of justice, to adjourn the business of the court.

Trial by juvenile courts

2. When a young person or child within the meaning of the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act is charged with any offence punishable on summary conviction, the Magistrate shall, unless the child or young person is charged jointly with any other person who is not a child or young person, for the purpose of hearing the charge, sit in the juvenile court established under the provisions of this Act and, notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, the procedure to be followed on the hearing of the charge shall be in accordance with rules to be made under section 1(1)(b).

Exclusion of the public from juvenile courts

3. (1) In a juvenile court no person other than the members and officers of the court and the parties to the case, their solicitors and counsel, and other persons directly concerned in the case, shall, except by leave of the court, be allowed to attend.

(2) For the purposes of this section, any person appointed by the Governor as a Probation Officer, Community Outreach Officer, Supervisor of an institution designated by the Governor for the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders, or juvenile care worker is deemed an officer of the court.

(Act 7/2011, s. 43)

Citation

4. This Act may be cited as Juvenile Courts Act, Revised Statutes of Anguilla, Chapter J25.