

**CHAPTER 4.****THE MARSHALL ISLANDS YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

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An Act to create a Youth Advisory Board in the Republic to serve as an umbrella agency in youth development.

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**§401. Short title.**

This Act may be cited as the “Marshall Islands Youth Advisory Board Act 1986”. [P.L. 1986-9, §1.]

**§402. Board.**

(1) There shall be established a Board called the Marshall Islands Youth Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as “the Board”.

(2) The Board shall consist of the following members, appointed by the Minister of Social Services with the concurrence of the Cabinet:

- (a) two (2) members representing community development organizations;
- (b) one member from the education services;
- (c) one member from health services;
- (d) one member representing employers;
- (e) one member from the police service;
- (f) two (2) members representing youth organizations;
- (g) the Secretary, Ministry of Social Services;
- (h) four (4) other members representing religious, judicial and other organizations.

(3) The term of office of the members shall be three (3) years and they may be reappointed for another term or more.

(4) Any member of the Board may be removed from office by the Minister without assigning any reason. [P.L. 1986-9, §2.]

**§403. Procedure.**

(1) The Board shall sit at least once every quarter and the quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be ten (10).

(2) The Secretary of Social Services shall be the Chairman of the Board and shall preside at all meetings, except that, in his absence he shall nominate a senior officer of the Ministry to act

as Chairman.

(3) The Board shall determine its own procedure for carrying out the purposes of this Act. The Chairman of the Board shall also be the chief executive of the Board.

(4) There shall also be appointed by the Minister a senior officer from the Ministry who shall function as the Secretary to the Board. The Secretary shall convene meetings and keep minutes of the meetings of the Board and maintain all records of the Board. [P.L. 1986-9, §3.]

**§404. Purposes of the Board.**

The purposes of the Board shall be:

- (a) to determine the general goals and operating policies of youth services organizations;
- (b) to develop strategies for community level efforts to counter youth delinquency;
- (c) to work with established youth-related agencies such as recreation groups, religious groups and scout movements and to help, coordinate and assist in their work;
- (d) to activate youth or adult crime alert programs in high crime areas;
- (e) to assist in collection of statistics and recommend necessary action;
- (f) to act as a national family life education committee to coordinate activities undertaken by governmental and non-governmental agencies;
- (g) to work with schools, police, religious organizations, civic groups, traditional leaders, municipal governments and local businesses to determine the nature of youth community problems and to overcome such problems;
- (h) to collect information about incidences of social problems experienced by youth such as unwanted pregnancy, abortion, sexually transmitted diseases and drug abuse, and to recommend preventive action thereof;
- (i) to do such other and further things as the Board may deem necessary. [P.L. 1986-9, §4.]

**§405. Report.**

The Board shall at the end of each year submit to the Minister its report on its activities and findings with respect to the current year's work. The Board shall also make its recommendations with respect to its findings. [P.L. 1986-9, §5.]

**§406. Accounts.**

(1) The Board may in its name maintain a bank account in a reputable bank and all donations, contributions from non-governmental organizations and grants from the Government of the Marshall Islands shall all be directly deposited in such account.

(2) The monies in the account may be utilized for the activities and the purposes of the Board.

(3) No money shall be withdrawn from the bank unless the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board both place their signatures on the checks.

(4) The Board shall publish its duly audited accounts at the end of each year depicting its financial position. [P.L. 1986-9, §6.]