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Law Enforcement - Historical Notes

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Sheriff

The following acts have no current effect but are included here for reference purposes since they once applied to the Moore County sheriff's office. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 395, set the annual salary of the sheriff at \$250 plus all the fees of his office. This was amended by Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 420, Page 1564, to raise the salary to \$500 yearly in addition to the fees.
2. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 485, exempted Moore County, by creating a new class of county, from the general law salary statute, with the sheriff's salary remaining at \$500 per annum. This was repealed by Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 261.
3. Private Acts of 1943, Chapter 391, set the Moore County Sheriff's salary at \$1,500 annually, in addition to the fees of the office, in order to provide adequate compensation so that the sheriff's office could properly function.
4. Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 80, was a salary act for various Moore County officials. The sheriff's annual salary was set at \$2,000.
5. Private Acts of 1957, Chapter 383, was another act setting county officials' salaries in Moore County. Under this act, the sheriff would have received \$2,300 per annum and all fees collected would become county property, but the Moore County Quarterly Court did not approve this act, so its provisions never became effective law.

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