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County Mayor

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Private Acts of 1893 Chapter 77

COMPILER'S NOTE: Parts of this act may have been superseded by Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 6.

SECTION 1. That there shall be elected by the qualified voters of Giles County, a person learned in the law, to be styled county executive of Giles County, and who shall be the county executive of said county, and who shall be thirty years of age; and who shall hold his office for a term of eight years from the date of his election, and until the election and qualification of his successor. Said person shall be a citizen of Giles County, and a person of good moral character.

SECTION 2. That the first election for county executive of Giles County shall be held at the same place and time, and by the same officer that the other county elections are held, on the first Thursday in August, 1894, and under the same rules and regulations that are prescribed by law for other county elections; and subsequent elections (except vacancies, which shall be filled when they occur in the manner prescribed by law) on the first Thursday in August every four (4) years thereafter; and in case of sickness, incompetency, or inability of the county executive, a special executive may be elected under the same provisions, and with the powers of said county executive, in the same manner as prescribed by Section 4695, Milliken & Vertrees' compilation of laws of Tennessee.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1973, Chapter 158

SECTION 3. And the office of chairman of the county court of Giles County, and the office of chairman pro tem. of the county court of said county, are abolished from and after the first Monday in January, 1894.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1973, Chapter 158

SECTION 4. That the county executive of Giles County shall receive for his services as county executive aforesaid the sum of one thousand dollars per annum, to be paid monthly out of the revenue of the county upon the executive's own warrant, countersigned by the county court clerk, and said one thousand dollars shall be in full for all fees, compensation, and emoluments connected with said office.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1909, Chapter 40

SECTION 5. That nothing in this Act shall interfere with the holding of the office of chairman of the county court of said county by the present incumbent until the expiration of his term, on the first Monday in January, 1894.

SECTION 6. That it shall be made the duty of the governor to appoint a competent person to hold the office of county executive of said county from the first Monday in January, 1894, to the first Monday in September, 1894, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

SECTION 7. That the county executive provided for in this act shall be required to enter into bond, with sufficient security, as the county court, at its quarterly term, may require as the financial agent of the county.

Passed: March 16, 1893.

Private Acts of 1973 Chapter 158

COMPILER'S NOTE: Section one of this act amends Private Acts of 1893 Chapter 77 and those changes are included in full in the preceding pages.

SECTION 2. Each and every executive, administrative and other non-judicial duty, function, authority and responsibility vested in the office of County Judge of Giles County, including service as presiding officer of the Quarterly County Court of said county, shall continue to be vested in the said officer and office, and the incumbent in the said office shall continue to bear the title of County Judge of said county, it being the legislative intent that the County Judge of Giles County be and constitute exclusively an executive and administrative office and officer and not a judicial officer and office.

SECTION 3. The incumbent County Judge of Giles County shall remain in that office for the remainder of such judge's elected term, and after that time shall be eligible to run and serve for a four (4) year term and as many successive four (4) year terms as such incumbent or succeeding incumbent, as the case may be, shall desire. Any incumbent shall hold the office until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. As compensation for all of the duties of the County Judge of Giles County, such judge shall receive the compensation authorized for County Judges by the general law of the state of Tennessee, the

same to be payable in equal monthly installments by warrant drawn on the general funds of the county.

SECTION 5. There is hereby transferred all of the judicial duties formerly vested with the County Judge of Giles County to the General Sessions Court of Giles County created by Chapter 186 of the Private Acts of 1943 and such General Sessions Court shall assume all of the judicial functions formerly exercised by the County Judge of Giles County beginning on the date of final approval of this act, including but not limited to all of the jurisdiction and authority conferred by Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 2, upon the county judge or chairman of the county court as a juvenile court, and all of the jurisdiction and authority conferred by Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 7, upon the county judge or chairman or the county court as a judicial officer in probate.

With respect to the judicial jurisdiction transferred by this section from the County Judge to the Court of General Sessions, the books, records, accounts, papers and documents pertaining to such judicial matters formerly under the jurisdiction of the County Judge shall remain in the custody and shall be the responsibility of the County Court Clerk and such clerk shall continue to have and perform the clerical functions with respect to such judicial matters.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1974, Chapter 309

SECTION 6. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a majority of the number of qualified voters of Giles County voting in an election on the question of whether or not the Act should be approved. Within sixty (60) days after this act becomes a law, the County election commissioners of Giles County shall call an election for Giles County, to be held not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than one-hundred eighty days from the date of the call. The ballots used in the election shall have printed on them the substance of this Act and voters shall vote for or against its approval. The votes cast on the question shall be canvassed and the results proclaimed by the county election commissioners and certified by them to the Secretary of State as provided by law in the case of general elections. The qualifications of voters voting on the questions shall be the same as those required for participation in general elections. All laws applicable to general elections shall apply to the determination of the approval or rejection of this act. The cost of the election shall be paid by Giles County.

SECTION 7. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 6.

Passed: May 3, 1973

COMPILER'S NOTE: Our research indicates that although the Private Acts of 1973, Chapter 158 was never certified to the Secretary of State's office, it has been acted upon by local government and is therefore operative.

County Executive Title Redesignated

Private Acts of 2005 Chapter 71

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-6-101(d)(2), the title of "county mayor" in Giles County is hereby redesignated as "county executive".

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Giles County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of Giles County and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.

Passed: May 27, 2005.

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