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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 McNairy County Sheriff's Office.

1. Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 503, authorized the Sheriff of McNairy County, using 1910 population figures, to be paid \$200 annually as ex-officio fees which would be in addition to all the other fees and emoluments of his office. The money would be paid out of county funds on the warrant of the County Judge, or Chairman.
2. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 551, fixed the annual salary of the Sheriff of McNairy County at \$500 provided he filed an annual, sworn, itemized statement with the County Judge, or Chairman, showing the total amount of fees collected in his office. If the fees failed to equal the salary herein, the County would pay him the difference.
3. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 277, allowed the Sheriff of McNairy County, population figures of 1920 being used, to draw a salary of \$500, to be paid quarterly out of the county treasury, which sum would be in addition to all other fees and income in his office.
4. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 490, raised the salary of the McNairy County Sheriff from \$500 to \$900 per year, plus all the fees and income of his office. The above sum would be paid quarterly out of the regular county funds upon the warrant of the County Judge, or Chairman.
5. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 677, amended Chapter 490, Private Acts of 1925, above, Item 4, by increasing the annual payment to the Sheriff thereunder from \$900 to \$1,200, all other terms and conditions to continue as they were.
6. Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 62, set the annual salary of the Sheriff of McNairy County, population figures of 1940, at \$3,600 per year, plus all the fees of the office, this amount being payable at the rate of \$300 per month.

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