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Chapter Xi - Taxation

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Litigation Tax

Private Acts of 1963 Chapter 181

SECTION 1. That a litigation tax of One Dollar and 50/100 (\$.50) shall be taxed as part of the costs in all civil and criminal actions in either the General Sessions Court, the Chancery Court or the Circuit Court of Grundy County, Tennessee.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of the said Courts will collect the said litigation tax and pay same to the Trustee of Grundy County, Tennessee, who will place same into a separate fund, which is to be designated as the "Grundy County Capital Improvement Fund," which fund is to be used exclusively for the purpose of improving the courthouse and/or jail.

SECTION 3. That all expenditures made from the said fund shall be made by the County Judge upon the approval and authorization of the Grundy County Court for the purposes specified herein.

SECTION 4. That the County Court is hereby authorized to issue notes and bonds for the purposes specified herein and pledge the income hereof for the exclusive payment of the bonds or notes.

SECTION 5. That this Act shall have no effect unless the same shall have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the County Court of Grundy County, Tennessee, on or before the next regular meeting of such County Court occurring more than thirty (30) days after its approval by the Chief Executive of the State. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the body having jurisdiction to approve or the reverse, and shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 6. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 15, 1963.

Mineral Severance Tax

Private Acts of 1983 Chapter 140

COMPILER'S NOTE: Portions of this act may have been superceded by general law.

SECTION 1. A severance tax is hereby levied in Grundy County on sand, gravel, limestone, phosphate rock, clay, and all other minerals that are severed from the earth for private commercial purposes. However, the tax shall not be levied on any mineral taxed under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5901 [67-7-102] through 67-5905 [67-7-110]. The measure of the tax shall be set by resolution of the Grundy County legislative body, but shall not be less than ten cents (10¢) nor more than twenty-five cents (25¢) per ton on all minerals severed from the ground in Grundy County that are subject to the tax levied by this Act. The owner shall become liable for payment of the severance tax at the time the mineral is severed from the earth and transported from the mine. The tax is levied upon the severance of the mineral regardless of the place of processing or sale of the mineral or the fact that delivery may be made outside the county. The tax shall accrue at the time the sand, gravel, limestone, phosphate rock, clay or other mineral is severed from the earth and in its natural or unprocessed state and transported from the mine. The tax levied shall be a lien upon all subject minerals severed in the county and any other property owned by the miner. Such lien shall be entitled to preference over all judgements, encumbrances or liens whatsoever created.

SECTION 2. Administration and collection of this tax shall be by the County Clerk of Grundy County who shall have the power to promulgate all rules and regulations necessary and reasonable for the administration of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. The tax levied by this Act shall be due and payable on the first day of the month succeeding the month in which the sand, gravel, limestone, phosphate rock, clay, or other mineral products are severed from the soil. For the purpose of ascertaining the amount of tax payable, it shall be the duty of all operators in Grundy County to transmit to the county clerk on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month next succeeding the month in which the tax accrues a return upon forms provided by him. The return shall show the month or period covered, the total number of tons of each type of mineral, sand, gravel, limestone, phosphate rock, clay or other mineral product severed from each production unit operated, owned or controlled by the taxpayer during the period covered, the amount of the tax and such information as the county clerk may require. The return shall be accompanied by a remittance covering

the amount of tax due as computed by the taxpayer.

SECTION 4. The tax levied by this Act shall become delinquent on the sixteenth (16th) day of the month next succeeding the month in which such tax accrues. When any operator shall fail to make any return and pay the full amount of the tax levied on or before such date there shall be imposed, in addition to other penalties provided herein, a specific penalty in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the tax due. Whenever a penalty is imposed there shall be added to the amount of tax and penalty due interest thereon at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date due until paid. A further penalty of fifty percent (50%) of the amount due may be added if the nonpayment of the tax is due to an intent to evade payment. If the tax is delinquent for a period of sixty (60) days, or if the nonpayment of the tax is due to an intent to evade payment, the person liable for such payment may be restrained and enjoined from severing sand, gravel, limestone, phosphate rock, or other mineral products that have been severed and sold and upon which the tax is due. Restraint proceedings shall be instituted in the name of the county by the district attorney general for the county at the request of the Grundy County Clerk.

All such penalties and interest imposed by this Act shall be payable to and collectible by the county clerk in the same manner as if they were a part of the tax imposed and shall be retained by the county clerk's office to help defray the expenses of administration and collection.

SECTION 5. When any person shall fail to file any form, statement, report or return required to be filed with the county clerk, after being given written notice of same, the county clerk is authorized to determine the tax liability of such person from whatever source of information may be available to him. An assessment made by the county clerk pursuant to this authority shall be binding as if made upon the sworn statement, report or return of the person liable for the payment of such tax; and any person against whom such an assessment is lawfully made shall thereafter be stopped to dispute the accuracy thereof except upon filing a true and accurate return together with such supporting evidence as the county clerk may require indicating precisely the amount of the alleged inaccuracy.

SECTION 6. All revenues collected from the severance of sand, gravel, limestone, phosphate rock, clay, or other mineral products in Grundy County less an amount of five percent (5%) of the taxes collected which shall be used to cover the expenses of administration and collection and all of the penalties and interest collected, which shall be retained by the office of the county clerk and credited to its current service revenue to cover the expense of administration and collection, shall be remitted quarterly to the county trustee of Grundy County, not later than the tenth (10th) day of the month following the end of the calendar quarter. These revenues shall become a part of the general fund of Grundy County, subject to appropriation by the county legislative body.

Any adjustment of taxes, penalties, or interest which is necessary to adjust any error in collection or disbursement may be made at a subsequent collection or disbursement.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Grundy County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Grundy County legislative body and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 9. 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 8.

Passed: May 11, 1983.

Special Levies

Private Acts of 1949 Chapter 171

SECTION 1. That Grundy County, Tennessee is hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect for purposes of forestry conservation and fire prevention a tax of not more than ten cents on each \$100 worth of property assessed for taxation in said county. The Quarterly County Court of Grundy County is authorized to levy said tax in the same manner as other taxes in said county are levied. The proceeds shall be deposited in a separate fund by the County Trustee and shall be expended for forestry conservation and fire prevention in cooperation with the State and Federal Governments.

SECTION 2. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 15, 1949.

Private Acts of 1951 Chapter 395

SECTION 1. That Grundy County, Tennessee, acting by and through its Quarterly County Court is hereby authorized and empowered to make special tax levies for the following purposes, which shall be in addition to the forty-cent levy for general county purposes, and in addition to other special tax levies for special purposes:

Direct Relief, not to exceed	.15 cents
Veterans, not to exceed	.10 cents
Elections, not to exceed	.07 cents
Courthouse and Jail Improvements, not to exceed	.08 cents
County Agent and Home Demonstration, not to exceed	.08 cents

SECTION 2. That the special levies made by the Quarterly County Court of Grundy County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year 1950-51 and for previous years in the amounts and for the purposes set forth in Section 1 of this Act are hereby ratified, confirmed and validated.

SECTION 3. That the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable. If any of its sections, provisions, exceptions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or parts be held unconstitutional or void, the remainder of this Act shall continue in full force and effect, it being the legislative intent now hereby declared, that this Act would have been adopted even if such unconstitutional or void matter had not been included therein.

SECTION 4. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 5, 1951.

Taxation - Historical Notes

Assessor of Property

The following acts were superseded, repealed or failed to win local ratification, but they are listed here as a reference to laws which once affected the Grundy County Assessor.

1. Private Acts of 1913 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 80, provided that the Tax Assessor in Grundy County using the 1910 Federal Census figures, shall be paid \$500 per year, payable quarterly out of the county treasury upon the warrant of the County Judge or chairman.
2. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 350, stated that the annual salary of the Tax Assessor in Grundy County shall be \$600 per year, payable quarterly out of the county treasury on the warrant of the County Judge or chairman.
3. Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 812, set the annual salary of the Tax Assessor in Grundy County at \$1,500, payable quarterly out of regular county funds.

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The following is a listing of acts pertaining to taxation in Grundy County which are no longer effective. Also referenced below is an act which repealed prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Acts of 1870-71, Chapter 50, authorized the counties and the cities of the State to levy taxes for county and municipal purposes upon the following conditions (1) that all taxable property be taxed according to its value on principles established in regard to State taxation, and (2) that the credit of no county, or city, shall be given or loaned to any person, firm, or corporation, except that a majority of the Quarterly Court agree to submit the question to a referendum vote and that the issue be approved by a three-fourths vote in the referendum. Several counties, including Grundy County, exempted themselves from the requirement of the three-fourths vote approval for the next ten years, stating that simple majority approving the same would be sufficient.
2. Private Acts of 1969, Chapter 15, established a transfer tax on all transfers of real property by deed. This act and any other acts amendatory thereto was repealed by the Private Acts of 1998, Chapter 172.

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