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County Attorney

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Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. That there is hereby created the office of County Attorney for Hamblen County. The County Attorney shall be elected by the Hamblen County Quarterly Court annually at the July term of court and shall assume office on September 1 following his election.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 434

SECTION 2. That Sam Jack Anderson, a member of the Hamblen County Bar is hereby appointed to the office of County Attorney, to take office September 1, 1949, and to hold office until September 1, 1950, or until his successor is duly elected and qualified to take office.

SECTION 3. That for his attendance upon meetings of the Quarterly County Court and the court's finance committee, the County Attorney shall be paid an annual retainer fee of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200), payable in equal monthly installments out of the general funds of the county, by warrant of the County Judge or Chairman upon the trustee. For legal services performed on behalf of the County, the County Attorney shall be entitled to receive additional reasonable compensation and reimbursement for actual expenses incurred, upon approval by the Finance Committee of the Quarterly County Court. Claims for expenses shall be itemized and certified to by the County Attorney and upon approval, shall be paid in the same manner as his retainer and other fees.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 434

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of said County Attorney to transact all the legal business of said County, either in Court or otherwise; to advise the County Officials except the Sheriff upon all legal matters affecting their office and in their official capacities. The County Attorney shall have no duty to represent the Sheriff or any of his deputies unless expressly authorized so to do by the Hamblen County Legislative Body. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to prevent the Hamblen County Legislative Body from employing additional legal counsel as considered necessary by said Legislative Body.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 434

Private Acts of 1987, Chapter 99

SECTION 5. That this Act take effect September 1, 1949, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 8, 1949.

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