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# Chapter X - Law Enforcement

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## Jails and Prisoners

### Private Acts of 1955 Chapter 149

**SECTION 1.** That in counties of this State having a population of not less than 16,010 persons, and not more than 16,040 persons, according to the Federal Census of 1940, or any subsequent Federal Census, the Quarterly County Courts are authorized to pass a resolution fixing the jailer's fees in such county at an amount not in excess of twenty-five cents per day in addition to the amount now provided by law for keeping and feeding each prisoner in the county jail or workhouse.

**SECTION 2.** That for keeping and feeding each prisoner in his jail in such counties as come under the provisions of this Act, such jailer is authorized to receive and accept such amount as herein provided and fixed by the said Quarterly County Court.

**SECTION 3.** That when such amount is fixed by resolution by the Quarterly County Court the same shall be paid under the same conditions and in the same manner as is now provided by law.

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

Passed: February 6, 1945

## Law Enforcement - Historical Notes

### **Sheriff**

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

1. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 10, granted an extension of time to the family and to the estate of W. B. Holden, a deceased Sheriff of Marshall County in which to pay the taxes collected by him to the State, the same being due and unpaid at this time.
2. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 268, set the salary of the Sheriff of Marshall County, using population figures, at \$1,200 per year provided he filed an annual report with the County Judge or Chairman, showing the total amount of fees collected by his office. The statement would be itemized and sworn to. If the fees failed to equal the amount of the salary, the county would pay the difference but, if the fees exceeded the salary, the Sheriff was allowed to retain the excess. This act was repealed in Item 4.
3. Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 682, amended Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 268, by increasing the salary of the Sheriff from \$1,200 to \$1,600 a year. This Act was repealed by the one below.
4. Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 144, set the annual salary of the Sheriff of Marshall County at \$1,200, payable at \$300 a quarter, provided a sworn, itemized statement was filed each quarter showing the fees collected by his office. If the fees were less, the county paid the difference, but, if the annual fees were in excess of the salary the Sheriff could retain them but not at the quarter periods. Any excess at the quarter was carried over to the next quarter. This Act repealed expressly the Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 268, and Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 682.
5. Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 150, amended Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 144, by raising the Sheriff's salary to \$1,800 a year, payable at \$450 per quarter.
6. Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 51, fixed the Sheriff's salary at \$2,400 annually, payable at the rate of \$600 per quarter under the same terms and conditions expressed in Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 144.

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