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County Attorney

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Sincerely,

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Private Acts of 1927 Chapter 34

COMPILER'S NOTE: See also Chapter 14, Private Acts of 1929.

SECTION 1. That in all counties of this State, having a population of not less than 17,400 and not more than 17,410 by the Federal Census of 1920 or any subsequent Federal census, there be created the office of County Attorney, whose salary shall be fixed at Twelve Hundred (\$1,200.00) Dollars per annum payable monthly by warrant of the County Judge issued on the 1st day of each month against the general fund.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 413

SECTION 2. That it shall be the duty of said County Attorney to give legal aid and advice to the County Judge and other county officers, including the Board of Education and Road Commission, as well as the County Court in session and to represent the county in any litigation that the county may have for which the court may fix additional compensation.

SECTION 3. That the term of office of said county attorney shall be for two years, beginning the first Monday in January, 1927, and beginning on the first Monday in January, 1929, and every two years thereafter, the County Court shall elect a County Attorney to fill the office for the ensuing two years.

SECTION 4. That the Honorable A.R. Hall of Jasper, Tennessee, is hereby appointed to act as County Attorney for said county for the term beginning January 3rd, 1927, until the first Monday in January, 1929, when his successor shall be elected by the County Court as provided in Section 3 of this Act.

SECTION 5. That the provisions of this Act shall not conflict or interfere with the present engagement or employment of any attorney engaged in any present, pending litigation, where said county is interested or has been made a party.

SECTION 6. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: January 31, 1927.

Additional Duties

Private Act of 1929 Chapter 14

SECTION 1. That Chapter No. 34 of the Private Acts of Tennessee, 1927, Volume 1, be, and the same is hereby amended, so as to provide that it shall be the duty of the County Attorney to represent the County in all litigation and matters in which the County is interested, or its officials in an official capacity, without compensation in addition to the salary provided. The said counties to which said Act is applicable shall not employ additional counsel at the expense of the county for any purpose.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1939, Chapter 62

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

Passed: January 22, 1929

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