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Juvenile Court

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Juvenile Court

Clerk

Private Acts of 1990 Chapter 212

SECTION 1.

(a) There is created for Madison County an office to be known as the Madison County Juvenile Court Clerk. The Juvenile Court Clerk for Madison County shall be elected by the qualified voters of the county in the August, 1990, General Election and every four (4) years thereafter. Each candidate for the office shall be a resident of Madison County and shall possess the qualifications, powers, duties, and liabilities of the Juvenile Court Clerk as established in this act and by law for clerks of court and shall provide for child support offices for the court or courts having juvenile jurisdiction in Madison County, Tennessee.

(b) The term of office of the Juvenile Court Clerk shall be four (4) years, and until a successor is elected and qualified, with each term beginning on September 1 of the year of the election for a period of four (4) years, ending August 31. Any vacancy occurring in the office shall be filled as provided by law for other clerks of court.

(c) The Juvenile Court Clerk shall execute an official bond in the same amount and in the same manner as provided by law for clerks of circuit court, except that such bond shall be approved by a judge exercising juvenile court jurisdiction in Madison County. Such judge may require an additional bond of the Juvenile Court Clerk.

(d) The Juvenile Court Clerk shall be entitled to the same compensation as is provided by law for the circuit court clerk.

(e) The Juvenile Court Clerk shall be entitled to have the number of deputies and assistants established by using the procedure set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 20, Part 1, except that a judge exercising juvenile court jurisdiction shall hear such petition and jurisdiction of such case shall be in juvenile court.

(f) The clerk shall be allowed to demand and receive those fees for services as prescribed by and set out in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 21, and such other fees as prescribed and authorized by law. Such monies derived from fees, fines and costs collected by the clerk shall be paid to the Madison County trustee or as otherwise designated by the county commission of Madison County.

SECTION 2. Prior to September 1, 1990, the clerk currently serving the juvenile court of Madison County shall transfer all files, records and other documents pertaining to juvenile matters in Madison County to the juvenile clerk elected pursuant to this act.

SECTION 3. 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 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Madison County by May 31, 1990. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified by the presiding officer of the county legislative body to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall become 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 4.

Passed: April 11, 1990.

Juvenile Court Services

Private Acts of 1982 Chapter 309

SECTION 1. There is hereby created for the County of Madison an office to be known as the Madison County Office of Juvenile Court Services.

SECTION 2. It is the purpose of this act to:

(a) Provide for supervision, care, and, when warranted, detention for those children who, as defined by the general laws of the State of Tennessee, are delinquent, unruly, dependent, neglected or abused. Such supervision and care may include preventive and protective services not prohibited by the laws of the State of Tennessee. Provision of such services shall be under the policies set forth by the County Commission of Madison County;

(b) Provide for administration and management of a regional or national training center for professional workers of juvenile justice and other groups whenever funds are made available and such use of facilities is within policies as defined by the County Commission of Madison County;

(c) Provide for the management of respective properties and buildings of the former Union University campus which are owned by Madison County and utilized for juvenile justice purposes under the policies set forth by the County Commission of Madison County.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1990, Chapter 217

SECTION 3. The Director of the Office of Juvenile Court Services shall be appointed by the County Commission of Madison County. Said appointment shall be made at the regular September, 1982, session of the County Commission of Madison County to serve a one (1) year term until September of 1983. The appointment made by the County Commission in September, 1983, shall be for a term of two (2) years from the date of appointment or until a successor qualifies for each succeeding odd number year. In the event of a vacancy before the expiration of the term, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the original term only. In the event of an interim period of time after vacancy and before an appointment by the County Commission of Madison County, the county executive shall appoint an Acting Director of Juvenile Court Services to serve until a successor qualifies. It is the expressed intent of this act that the county executive at the time of the approval of this act shall appoint an Acting Director of Juvenile Court Services to serve until a Director of Juvenile Court Services qualifies as prescribed above.

SECTION 4. The qualifications of the Director of the Office of Juvenile Court Services would preferably include three (3) or more years of managerial experience in a related area of juvenile justice and a masters degree from an accredited college or university.

SECTION 5. The Director of the Office of Juvenile Court Services elected under the terms of this act shall serve at the pleasure of the County Commission and be subject to discharge with notice of thirty (30) days and a hearing before the said commission in regular or duly called special session.

SECTION 6. Management and service personnel shall be appointed and designated by the director of juvenile court services pursuant to the laws and regulations of Madison County. The financial officers shall be properly bonded for the faithful performance of their duties in the amount to be fixed by the county executive of Madison county.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1990, Chapter 217

COMPILER'S NOTE: Private Acts of 1990, Chapter 217 deleted Sections 7 and 8 of Private Acts of 1982, Chapter 309, and the Act renumbered the remaining sections.

SECTION 7. The County Commission of Madison County shall continue to have authority to appropriate funds for said office and the budget, including revenues, expenditures and reserve accounts, shall be designated within the Juvenile Court Services fund budget as adopted annually. All revenues, expenditures and purchases shall be subject to adopted policies and procedures of the general fund budget.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1985, Chapter 44

SECTION 8. The Juvenile Court Services Office is hereby authorized to enter into contractual agreement [sic] subject to approval of the County Commission of Madison County with any other county or municipality for the provision of services which would entitle reimbursement from the respective county, municipality or the State of Tennessee.

SECTION 9. All other acts governing the organization and management of juvenile court service which are not in conflict with this act, shall remain in full force and effect, and all acts in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. 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 11. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the County Commission of Madison County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the County Commission and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 12. 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 11.

Passed: April 8, 1982

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