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# Law Enforcement - Historical Notes

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## **Militia**

Those acts once affecting Madison County, which related to the militia and to other law enforcement agencies other than the sheriff, are mentioned below in chronological order. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Private Acts of 1824, Chapter 43, established a new regiment of militia for Madison County, attached it to the 14th Brigade, and provided for the election of officers at the home of David and William Sanders.
2. Private Acts of 1832, Chapter 49, Section 6, gave the Jackson Guards, a volunteer company in Madison, certain rights and privileges and attached them to the 75th Regiment of the Tennessee militia.

## **Offenses**

The act briefly summarized below fell into this category in Madison County.

1. Private Acts of 2005, Chapter 19, was an act to repeal Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 479, and to regulate pyrotechnics in certain parts of Madison County. This act did not receive local approval.
2. Private Acts of 2024, Chapter 34, repealed Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 479, which regulated pyrotechnics in certain parts of Madison County.

## **Sheriff**

The following acts have no current effect but are included here for reference purposes since they once applied to the Madison County Sheriff's office.

1. Private Acts of 1857-58, Chapter 153, authorized the Sheriff of Madison County to appoint an additional deputy.
2. Public Acts of 1873, Chapter 29, provided that the state would no longer pay county jail physicians except in Madison, Davidson and Knox Counties, where the state would continue to pay only for prisoners awaiting trial in the Supreme Court. The county sheriff's department would be responsible for providing medical care for all other prisoners.
3. Private Acts of 1983, Chapter 54, which established a Civil Service Commission in Madison County, was repealed by Private Acts of 2015, Chapter 6, establishing the Madison County Sheriff's Civil Service Law.
4. Private Acts of 2015, Chapter 6, which established the Madison County Sheriffs Civil Service Law of 2015, was repealed by Private Acts of 2021, Chapter 7, establishing the Madison County Sheriffs Civil Service Law of 2021.

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