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Chapter X - Law Enforcement

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Sheriff

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

1. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 236, provided that the Sheriff of Macon County and the Sheriff of Jackson County shall receive as compensation for their services \$720 per year, payable monthly, out of the county treasury on the warrant of the County Judge, or Chairman, which sum shall be in addition to all the fees of his office which he is hereby permitted to retain and for which he shall not be required to account.
2. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 693, amends Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 236, above, by removing Jackson County from its provisions by deleting the census figures which made the Act apply to Jackson County.
3. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 661, was an Act which was intended to apply to Rhea county but the population figures make it applicable to Macon County, also. The Act authorized the Quarterly County Court by Resolution adopted at any regular session by majority vote to appropriate and provide for payment to Sheriff's, Deputies, and Constables of such counties, making arrest for violations of the liquor laws, a portion, not to exceed 50%, of the fines collected upon their conviction by the Justice of the Peace, or in the Circuit Courts. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 34.
4. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 102, declared that in Macon County, identified by the use of the 1930 Federal Census figures, the Sheriff would receive as compensation for his services the fees allowed to him by law and, in addition thereto, the sum of \$720 per year, payable monthly, out of the regular county funds on the warrant of the county Judge, or Chairman, but no compensation would be allowed him for any ex-officio services he may perform. This Act was repealed by the one following.
5. Private Acts of 1941, Chapter 194, expressly and entirely repealed Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 102, above, which regulated the salary of the Sheriff of Macon County to some degree.
6. Private Acts of 1943, Chapter 114, was identical to the Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 102. The Sheriff of Macon County would be paid, in addition to all the fees legally allowed to him, the sum of \$720 per year, payable at \$60 per month out of the regular funds of the county on the warrant of the County Judge, or Chairman, but no additional compensation would be permitted him for any ex-officio services performed.
7. Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 34, specifically repealed Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 661, as it applied to Macon County.

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