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## Private Acts of 1969 Chapter 55

**SECTION 1.** That there is hereby created and established the office of County Attorney for Lincoln County, Tennessee.

**SECTION 2.** That such County Attorney shall be at least twenty-one years (21) of age, a resident and citizen of Lincoln County, Tennessee, and licensed to practice law in all of the Courts of this State.

**SECTION 3.** That the regular term of the office of County Attorney shall be for two years from and after his or her appointment or election by the Quarterly County Court of said County, and the filling of any vacancy in such office shall be by said Quarterly County Court for a period of two years thereafter.

**SECTION 4.** The compensation of the County Attorney shall be a monthly salary in an amount to be fixed from time to time by the county legislative body. In addition to the monthly salary, the County Attorney may also be compensated in an amount to be fixed by the county legislative body for travel and office expense and for matters involving or concerning bond issues, litigated cases or other matters requiring a significant amount of time.

As amended by:

Private Acts of 1993, Chapter 9.

**SECTION 5.** That it shall be the function and duty of the County Attorney to render all legal services to said County and/or any of its officials, departments, offices, branches and boards, and to prosecute and defend all suits instituted by or against said County or any of its departments, branches or boards affecting the public revenues of said County or the conduct of the business of the County.

**SECTION 6.** That no official, agent, department, branch or board of said County shall employ other attorneys to be paid out of the public revenues of said County without the approval of the Quarterly County Court of said County in advance of such employment.

**SECTION 7.** That the County Attorney shall take and subscribe to an oath to well and faithfully perform the duties of such office, to the best of his ability and to support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 8.** That this Act shall have no effect unless the same shall be submitted to the Quarterly County Court of Lincoln County, Tennessee, and approved by a two-thirds vote of said Quarterly County Court. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the Presiding Officer of the Quarterly County Court and shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 9.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 8, 1969.

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