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County Attorney

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Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. The office of County Attorney of Lawrence County, is hereby created. Such official shall be elected for a term of one year by the Quarterly Court of Lawrence County, at its regular October Term, 1975. Annually in the October Term, thereafter, the Quarterly Court shall elect a successor for such office for a term of one year or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 2. The duties of the County Attorney are to give and render legal aid and advice to all the county officials and their duly appointed or employed deputies or employees and members of the Quarterly Court and the County Judge, in matters relating to their official work and official duties; to transact the usual legal business of the County, in Court or otherwise; to meet with the Quarterly Court at regular or special sessions; to aid and give legal advice and render legal services to its duly appointed committees and representatives; and to render such other services in behalf of Lawrence County as may reasonably be deemed and construed to be the usual customary and ordinary duties of a County Attorney. No officer of Lawrence County shall employ any other Attorney, save at his own personal expense, unless he shall be first authorized and empowered by the Quarterly Court.

SECTION 3. The minimum salary of the County Attorney shall be four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per annum; provided however, that the Quarterly Court of Lawrence County is authorized, at any of its October Terms of Court at which the County Attorney may be elected, to fix the salary for such official at a larger or greater amount than such minimum salary. The salary shall be paid in equal quarterly installments on the first day of such quarter, following the election of such County Attorney and during his term of office, from the general funds of the county upon the warrant of the County Judge, directed to the County Trustee. The salary of such official, as fixed under the provisions of this Act, shall not be increased or diminished during the term of office for which such salary is fixed.

SECTION 4. The Quarterly Court is authorized to fix, allow, appropriate, and pay any fee or fees for services rendered by the Attorney who is elected and serving as County Attorney under the provisions of this Act, in extra, unusual, and extraordinary litigation and matters requiring an unusual amount of work and time, or of great length or duration, or for work and services which would not be reasonably deemed, considered, or contemplated to be the usual and ordinary work or duties of a County Attorney.

SECTION 5. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Quarterly County Court of Lawrence County before September 1, 1975. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Quarterly County Court and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 6. 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 5.

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