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County Mayor (County Judge)

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COMPILER'S NOTE: Parts of this act may have been superseded by general law.

SECTION 1. The office of County Judge in Lake County is created and established as of January 1, 1968, and the office of Chairman of the County Court is abolished as of that date. The Judge of said Court shall be a bona fide citizen of said County, of good moral character, well versed in business affairs, at least thirty (30) years of age, and learned in the law, but he is not required to be a licensed or practicing attorney.

SECTION 2. The office of County Judge shall be filled by appointment of the Governor of Tennessee and said appointed Judge shall serve from January 1, 1968, until September 1, 1968, or until his successor has been duly elected and qualified. At the general election for county officers in Lake County on the first Thursday of August, 1968, a judge shall be chosen to serve in said office for a period of six (6) years, beginning September 1, 1968, and ending September 1, 1974, or until his successor has been duly elected and qualified. Subsequent terms for the Judge of said office shall be for a period of eight (8) years. The salary for said Judge shall be six thousand dollars (\$6,000) a year, payable in equal monthly installments out of the general fund of the county.

SECTION 3. The Judge of said office shall have the same duties, authorities, powers, and jurisdictions as set out in the general law of this State for County Judges and county fiscal officers, and shall have the same authority as circuit court judges or chancellors to grant fiats for writs of injunction, attachments, and other extraordinary process.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1978, Chapter 238

SECTION 4. The oath of office shall be the same as that required of Circuit Judges and Chancellors and shall be filed upon the minutes of the County Court Clerk of said County. In the event of a vacancy in said office, it shall be filled by the Quarterly County Court of said County until the next regular election at which time a successor shall be elected by a majority of the qualified voters of said County to fill out the unexpired term or for a complete term as the case may be.

SECTION 5. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a majority of voters voting in an election to be held for the purpose of approving or rejecting it. Within thirty (30) days after this Act becomes a law, the Lake County Election Commissioners shall call an election for the County, to be held not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days from the date of the call. The ballots used in the election shall have printed on them sufficient language to identify this Act and voters shall vote for or against its adoption. The votes cast in the election shall be canvassed by the County Election Commissioners on the first Monday occurring five (5) or more days next after the date of the election. The results of the election shall be proclaimed by the Election Commissioners and certified to the Secretary of State. The qualifications of voters shall be the same as those required for participation in general elections. All laws applicable to general elections shall apply to the election. The cost of the election shall be paid by the County.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: May 23, 1967.

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