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# Assistants and Criminal Investigators

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## Public Acts of 1991 Chapter 27

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby created five (5) additional assistant District Attorneys General positions to the District Attorney General for the Sixth Judicial District; such positions shall be filled by appointment of the District Attorney General of the Sixth Judicial District, shall serve at the pleasure of such official, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the District Attorney General. The assistant District Attorneys General positions created herein shall be filled by persons licensed to practice law in Tennessee.

**SECTION 2.** There is hereby created two (2) additional criminal investigator positions for the District Attorney General of the Sixth Judicial District. Such positions shall be filled by appointment of the District Attorney General for such judicial district, shall serve at the pleasure of such District Attorney General and shall perform such duties on behalf of Tennessee as may be assigned to them by the District Attorney General. Such criminal investigators, as part of their duties, shall investigate crime and take statements of witnesses in felony and other cases and assist in carrying out the duties of the office of the District Attorney General. The duly appointed criminal investigators shall have the same authority and power as is conferred by law upon criminal investigators by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-508.

**SECTION 3.** There is hereby created two (2) additional secretarial positions to the District Attorney General of the Sixth Judicial District. Such secretarial positions shall be filled by appointment of such District Attorney General and shall serve at the pleasure of such official.

**SECTION 4.** The board of commissioners of Knox County shall pay from its general and available funds, if appropriated and made a part of the Knox County annual budget, the salaries of the five (5) assistant district attorneys general positions, the two (2) criminal investigator positions and the two (2) secretarial positions created by this act. The compensation of the assistant district attorneys general positions shall be in accordance with the general law and shall be paid to such assistant district attorneys general in equal monthly installments. Each assistant district attorney general shall devote full-time to their duties, as provided by general law. The compensation of the criminal investigator positions shall be in accordance with the general law and shall be paid to such investigators in equal monthly installments. The compensation of the two (2) secretarial positions shall be established and approved by the board of county commissioners and shall be paid to each such employee at a monthly rate, twice per month.

As amended by:

Private Acts of 1991, Chapter 495

**SECTION 5.** If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 6.** This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (b) vote of the legislative body of Knox County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body of Knox County and certified to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 7.** 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 6.

Passed: March 11, 1991.

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