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Private Acts of 1983 Chapter 139

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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SECTION 1.

(a) In Johnson County, all jurisdiction relating to juveniles and related matters heretofore vested in the County Court, the County Judge, or the County Chairman, is hereby vested in the Court of General Sessions. The Court of General Sessions shall have exclusive jurisdiction over juveniles, and all matters relating thereto, heretofore vested in the County Court.

(b) The Clerk of the Court of General Sessions, as provided for by general law or special act, shall be authorized and empowered to take all actions relative to juveniles, and all matters relating thereto, which heretofore could be performed by the County Court Clerk. All actions taken by the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions shall be subject to review by the judge of the court of general sessions by simple motion, petition, or the filing of exceptions as may be appropriate.

(c) Jurisdiction of appeals from the decisions of the Court of General Sessions shall be to the Circuit Court in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-258.

SECTION 2. All sections of Tennessee Code Annotated conferring jurisdiction in juvenile and related matters in the County Courts, the County Judge, or the County Chairman, hereafter shall be construed to be applicable to the Court of General Sessions and its judge in those counties of Tennessee to which this part applies and such sections shall be deemed as amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the county legislative body of Johnson County before October 1, 1983. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 4. 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 3.

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