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Board of Education

The following act once affected the board of education in Johnson County but is no longer operative.

1. Private Acts of 1998, Chapter 153, attempted to amend the Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 183, increasing the number of County Board of Educational Commissioners from 5 to 7. This act never received ratification locally.

General Reference

The following acts constitute part of the administrative and political heritage of the educational structure of Johnson County but are no longer operative since they have either been superseded, repealed, or failed to receive local approval. Also referenced below is an act which repealed prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Acts of 1837-38, Chapter 275, incorporated Pine Grove Academy, which was to be located near or at Taylorsville as the county academy of Johnson County.
2. Acts of 1907, Chapter 151, created an independent school district out of portions of the fifth and sixth districts of Johnson County, Tennessee to be known as the "Eleventh School District." This independent school district was abolished when the first county-wide school board was established in 1929.
3. Acts of 1909, Chapter 234, was a compulsory school attendance law for Johnson and Carter counties, requiring parents and guardians of children between the ages of 8 and 16 years to send their children to school for 16 weeks or 80 days of each academic year. Violation of this act was a misdemeanor, punishable by a \$10 to \$50 fine.
4. Acts of 1909, Chapter 494, required parents and guardians to cause children between the ages of 8 and 14 years to attend public school at least four months or eighty days consecutively each year. This act was repealed by Public Acts of 1978, Chapter 716.
5. Private Acts of 1911, Chapter 342, provided that children between the ages of 8 and 16 years were to attend school at least fifteen days of each school month. Temporary absence of not more than five days per month could be excused, but violation of the act would subject the parents or guardians of the children to a fine of \$1.00 for each day missed.
6. Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 438, established the first county-wide school board for Johnson County and also provided for the election of a county superintendent of public instruction.
7. Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 298, abolished the office of truant officer in Johnson County.
8. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 817, allowed teachers to retire after 25 years of service with a pension up to \$50 per month.

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