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## Private Acts of 1945 Chapter 97

**SECTION 1.** That in counties of this State having a population of not less than 15,000, nor more than 15,100, by the Federal Census of 1940, or any subsequent Federal Census, the quarterly county court in session assembled is hereby authorized to contract with some competent attorney to act as county attorney for a period not to exceed two years next following the date of such employment. The contract shall provide that the attorney so employed shall serve as legal advisor to the various county officials, shall represent the county in all litigation in which the county is involved and shall further provide for the compensation of the attorney in question, which shall not be in excess of \$360.00 per annum, payable monthly out of the county treasury on warrant of the chairman of the quarterly county court.

In case the quarterly county court shall enter into contract with an attorney under the provisions hereof, the county judge or chairman shall have no power to employ an attorney or attorneys to represent the county in case the same shall be involved in litigation but nothing herein shall prevent the quarterly county court from employing additional counsel to assist the county attorney in case of litigation in which the county is involved.

**SECTION 2.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: January 26, 1945.

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