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## Chapter XI - Libraries

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# Chapter XI - Libraries

## Law Library and Litigation Tax

### Private Acts of 1953 Chapter 349

*Whereas*, the Quarterly County Court of Anderson County, Tennessee, at its January session, 1953, passed a resolution recognizing the need for a law library in the Court House for the use of the Courts, County officials, attorneys, and litigants; and

*Whereas*, the Quarterly County Court of Anderson County, Tennessee, recognizes the present need for such law library facilities;

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby created a law library to be known as the "Anderson County Law Library", said law library to be located in the Court House at Clinton, Tennessee.

**SECTION 2.** The County Judge of Anderson County, Tennessee, is authorized and directed to purchase sufficient books and equipment for said law library in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars, and to provide facilities for the housing of said law library in the Court House at Clinton, Tennessee.

**SECTION 3.** That a litigation tax of 25¢ shall be taxed as part of the costs in all civil and criminal actions filed in the Trial Justice Court for Anderson County, Tennessee, except that this litigation tax will not be taxed in divorce cases. The Clerk of the Circuit Court will collect the aforesaid litigation tax and pay said litigation tax into a separate fund to be styled the Anderson County Law Library Fund. The Circuit Court Clerk of Anderson County, Tennessee, is authorized and directed to expend sums from the Anderson County Law Library Fund for the purpose of maintaining said library in accordance with the provisions of this Act and to pay for the services of a Law Librarian.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1957, Chapter 100

**SECTION 4.** That the Circuit Court Clerk of Anderson County, Tennessee, shall be the Law Librarian and Treasurer of the Anderson County Law Library; the said Law Librarian and Treasurer is authorized to employ and use such assistance for the purpose of performing the intents of this Act in maintaining and keeping an accurate set of records of all books, supplies, materials, and equipment in said Law Library, and shall be authorized to expend from the Law Library expense fund a sum not exceeding 10% of said fund per annum for the services of such assistance. The Librarian shall keep and maintain records of any and all donations made to said Law Library, which records shall be annually inspected by the Anderson County Law Library Committee. The Circuit Court Clerk of Anderson County, Tennessee, and Law Librarian, as created herein, shall purchase such books, record cards, indexes, equipment, material, and supplies as are needed to maintain said Law Library and pay for the same by funds in his hands as Custodian of the Law Library expense fund.

However, all purchases made by the Circuit Court Clerk of Anderson County, Tennessee, and Law Librarian, as created herein, for the use and benefit of the Anderson County Law Library shall first be approved by a majority of the members of the Anderson County Law Library Committee. The Law Librarian, as created herein, shall be the sole custodian of all the books, equipment, and materials used and maintained for the use and benefit of the Anderson County Law Library.

**SECTION 5.** That the County Judge of Anderson County, Tennessee, shall select three members of the Anderson County Bar Association to serve as a library committee, which three members shall be selected from a list of five members of the said Bar Association, which list shall be submitted to him on or before the passage of this Act for the first library committee; and also two members of the Quarterly County Court of Anderson County, Tennessee, shall serve along with the members of the Bar Association to form the library committee for the Anderson County Law Library. The library committee shall select the books and equipment to be placed in the law library herein created and shall advise the County Judge what is required to keep said law library current.

Said committee shall serve at the pleasure of the County Judge. All vacancies shall be filled by the County Judge.

**SECTION 6.** That none of the books, supplies, or equipment forming a part of the law library of Anderson County, Tennessee, may be removed from the Anderson County Court House by any person, said law library being created for the exclusive benefit of the Courts, County officials, attorneys, and litigants having business in Anderson County's Court House at Clinton, Tennessee.

**SECTION 7.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 1, 1953.

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