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SECTION 1. The General Sessions Court for Campbell County shall be the Juvenile Court for Campbell County and shall have jurisdiction in all juvenile cases and proceedings and all powers, authority, and duties in regard thereto as set forth in Sections 37-101 through 37-108 [These sections of the code have been repealed], 37-242 through 37-274 [These sections of the code have been repealed], Tennessee Code Annotated, and all other general laws relating to the jurisdiction, authority, conduct, procedure, powers, duties, and (appellate review) of Juvenile Courts.

The County Judge and chairman of the county court of Campbell County is hereby divested of all jurisdiction and authority in all juvenile cases and proceedings except that he shall have concurrent jurisdiction and authority with the General Sessions Court respecting the property and estates of juveniles.

SECTION 2. The General Sessions Court for Campbell County shall have concurrent jurisdiction, power and authority with the Chancery and Circuit Courts to hear and determine all cases of divorce, annulment, alimony and separate maintenance, and all other proceedings and all other relief incident thereto together with the full power and authority conferred upon the Circuit and Chancery Courts to enforce all its orders, decrees and judgments.

Appeals from the judgment of the General Sessions Court arising under this section shall be to the Court of Appeals or to the Supreme Court of this state in the same manner as provided in such cases from the Circuit and Chancery Courts.

All cases brought in the General Sessions Court under this section shall be according to the form for pleadings and practice in the Chancery and Circuit Courts of this state and said cases shall be tried as like cases are tried in the Chancery and Circuit Courts of this state. The clerk of the General Sessions Court shall keep a docket of cases filed in the General Sessions Court, and the procedure in each case, and shall enter orders and decrees according to the practice and rules of the Chancery and Circuit Courts. The judge of the General Sessions Court shall make and cause to be entered on record all such orders and decrees as may be passed by him, according to the practice and rules now obtaining in the Chancery and Circuit Courts in order to effect and complete the jurisdiction herein conferred.

SECTION 3. The General Sessions Court for Campbell County shall have the power and authority to empanel juries to try cases, the same as the Circuit and Chancery Courts now have, in all cases, and issue subpoenas for witnesses, and to do and perform any and all acts authorized by law to be done in such cases in the Chancery and Circuit Courts, and to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to enforce judgments, orders, and decrees, and do all acts necessary to complete the jurisdiction herein conferred.

SECTION 4. The General Sessions Court shall have authority to hear and determine all undisposed cases over which jurisdiction is conferred by this act and which are pending in the county court of Campbell County at the time this act takes effect as if such cases had originated in the General Sessions Court.

SECTION 5. The General Sessions Court judge shall receive compensation of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per year payable in equal monthly installments in addition to the compensation provided by Chapter 769 of the Private Acts of 1947, as amended, for his additional duties and services conferred upon him by this act.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The minimum compensation for General Sessions judges and the minimum compensation for judges that have additional jurisdictions is provided in Tennessee Code Annotated § 16-15-5003.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or 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 provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the county quarterly court of Campbell County at or before the next regular meeting of the court occurring more than thirty (30) days after its approval by the governor. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the court and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, but the provisions herein shall not become operative until approved as provided by Section 7.

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