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County Mayor

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County Administrator

Private Acts of 1977 Chapter 84

COMPILER'S NOTE: Parts of this act may have been superseded by Tennessee Code Annotated title, 5, chapter 6.

SECTION 1. There is created the office of County Administrator for Cannon County, Tennessee. The County Administrator shall be elected by the qualified voters of the county at the August general election in 1978. He shall take office on September 1 following his election and shall serve a term of four (4) years, and until his successor is elected and qualified. In August, 1982, and thereafter every four (4) years at the August general election, a person shall be elected to fill the office of County Administrator. Terms shall commence on September 1 following the election. Any qualified person who is a citizen and legal resident of Cannon County, Tennessee, shall be eligible to serve as County Administrator for as many terms as he shall be elected.

SECTION 2. The County Administrator shall have the same duties, authority, powers and jurisdiction, except for those of a judicial nature, as set out in the general law of this state for county judges and county chairman, and in addition, he shall have and exercise such other duties of a nonjudicial nature as may be assigned by private act to the County Chairman of Cannon County. The County Administrator shall be the presiding officer of the Cannon County Quarterly Court.

SECTION 3. The County Administrator shall be paid a minimal annual salary equal to that provided by law for a county judge or chairman and payable in equal monthly installments out of the treasury of the county, at the same time and in the same manner as the salaries of other county officers are paid. He shall be furnished and shall maintain an office in the county courthouse. He shall have the authority to hire a secretary and such other assistants as necessary to enable him to carry out the duties of his office and to fix their compensation, subject to the approval of the Cannon County Quarterly Court.

SECTION 4. The office of County Chairman of Cannon County is abolished, effective September 1, 1978. All judicial powers and duties exercised prior to the effective date of this act by the County Chairman of Cannon County, whether pursuant to general law or private act, are transferred, effective September 1, 1978, to the Judge of the Court of General Sessions of Cannon County. The Clerk of the County Court shall continue to be the clerk for all matters of probate but all other judicial matters shall be the duty of the Clerk of the General Sessions Court.

SECTION 5. Chapter 421 of the Private Acts of 1972, and all other private acts dealing with the duties, functions and operations of the County Chairman, are amended to the extent, but only to the extent that they are in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and any references in such acts concerning such duties, functions and operations of the County Chairman shall apply to the County Administrator unless otherwise provided by this Act.

SECTION 6. In case of a vacancy in the office of County Administrator, the Quarterly County Court shall appoint a successor to serve until the next general election for county officials. The person elected at such election shall serve the balance of the unexpired term, if any.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person of circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Quarterly County Court of Cannon County within one hundred and twenty days subsequent to its approval by the Chief Executive of this State. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Quarterly County Court and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 9. 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 8.

Passed: May 9, 1977.

Redesignated Title to County Executive

Private Acts of 2004 Chapter 124

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-6-101, the title of "county mayor" in Cannon County shall be redesignated as "county executive".

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Cannon County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. 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 as provided in Section 2.

Passed: May 13, 2004.

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