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Private Acts of 1961 Chapter 270

SECTION 1. That the Judge of the Court of General Sessions of Cannon County, Tennessee is hereby authorized and vested with exclusive jurisdiction to try, hear and dispose of all matters and causes relating to juveniles and juvenile courts as now provided for under the general laws of the State.

That all existing authority and jurisdiction now vested by law in the County Chairman of Cannon County relative to juveniles and juvenile courts is hereby divested out of said County Chairman and transferred and vested in the Judge of the Court of General Sessions for Cannon County.

SECTION 2. That the Judge of the Court of General Sessions for the performance of these extra duties shall receive the additional sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per annum, payable in equal monthly installments out of the general fund of said county.

COMPILER'S NOTE: Tennessee Code Annotated § 16-15-5003 provides that general sessions judges in shall receive additional compensation for exercising juvenile court jurisdictions.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cannon County is hereby directed and authorized to act as Clerk of the Juvenile Court, and he shall perform all the duties, powers and functions in regard to such Court as are now vested by law in the County Court Clerk. The County Court Clerk is hereby relieved from any further duty or obligation to act as Clerk of the Juvenile Court.

SECTION 4. That this Act shall have no effect unless the same shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Quarterly County Court of Cannon County and its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of said body having jurisdiction to approve or the reverse, and the same shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 5. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 13, 1961.

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