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## Private Acts of 1977 Chapter 133

**SECTION 1.** The Judge of the General Sessions Court of Cheatham County is hereby vested with exclusive power and jurisdiction to try, hear, and dispose of all matters and causes relating to juveniles and Juvenile Courts as are now provided under the general laws of the state. All authority and jurisdiction vested in the County Judge of Cheatham County relative to juveniles and Juvenile Courts is hereby divested from the County Judge and transferred and vested in the General Sessions Judge of Cheatham County.

The clerk of the Circuit Court of Cheatham County who now serves as clerk of the Court of General Sessions shall also serve as clerk of the Juvenile Court and is vested with all the duties, powers, and functions now held by the County Court Clerk of Cheatham County as Juvenile Court Clerk. The County Court Clerk is hereby relieved from any further duty or obligation to act as clerk of the Juvenile Court.

**SECTION 2.** In addition to the base salary established by law, the Judge of the Court of General Sessions of Cheatham County shall receive an annual salary supplement of five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400) paid in monthly installments for serving as juvenile court judge.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1988, Chapter 214

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 236 of the Private Acts of 1939, is amended in Section 6 by deleting the period at the end of subpart (6) and adding the following:

, but shall not have the power to act in juvenile matters or as Juvenile Court Judge, such power being with the General Sessions Judge.

**SECTION 4.** Chapter 236 of the Private Acts of 1939, is further amended by inserting in Section 7 between the words "cases" and "pending" the words and symbols:

, except cases involving juveniles,.

**SECTION 5.** Chapter 236 of the Private Acts of 1939, is further amended in Section 8 by deleting the period at the end of the section and adding the following:

, but shall have no authority to act in juvenile matters or as Juvenile Court Judge, such authority being in the General Sessions Judge.

**SECTION 6.** This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Quarterly County Court of Cheatham County before September 1, 1977. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Quarterly County Court and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 7.** 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 6.

Passed: May 17, 1977.

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