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County Attorney

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Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. That in counties of this State having a population of not less than 24,600, nor more than 24,700, by the Federal Census of 1940, or any subsequent Federal Census, there is hereby created the position of County Attorney. At the April Term of 1943, it shall be the duty of the quarterly county court of counties to which this Act applies to elect some practicing attorney, possessing license to practice law to such position. The term of office of the preson [sic] so elected shall be for four years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. The minimum compensation of such County Attorney will be six thousand six hundred dollars (\$6,600.00) per annum, payable out of the county treasury in equal monthly installments. Furthermore, the County Court of such county shall have the authority to provide compensation for a legal secretary for such county official.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1978, Chapter 185

SECTION 2. That it shall be the duty of said County Attorney to advise all county officials upon matters affecting the conduct of their offices, to represent the county generally in litigation involving such county but this shall not inhibit the employment of special counsel to aid such County Attorney in cases where the Quarterly County Court shall authorize the same. Such employment shall be in accordance with existing law provided therefor. Such County Attorney shall likewise possess the power to investigate the accounts of county officials of counties to which this Act applies with reference to their payments of county revenue into the county treasury and may in his discretion, bring suits for the recovery of any delinquent revenue found owing by the county from any county official; but the County Attorney shall not be the attorney bringing suits for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes, it being the legislative intent that the general statutes providing for the selection of such delinquent tax attorney by the Trustee and County Judge shall not be affected by the provisions of this Act.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 320

SECTION 3. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: January 25, 1943.

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