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General Sessions Court

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SECTION 1. Chapter 376 of the Private Acts of 1953 and Chapter 32 of the Private Acts of 1983 and all acts amendatory thereto, are hereby repealed effective September 1, 1998.

SECTION 2. Beginning on September 1, 1998, there shall be two (2) full-time judges for the General Sessions Court of Coffee County. Each judge shall have the same jurisdiction, consisting of all civil and criminal jurisdiction prescribed by general law for judges of general sessions courts, and jurisdiction over juvenile and domestic relations proceedings, including divorce jurisdiction. Each judge shall be elected in the regular August elections in 1998, and every eight (8) years thereafter. Each judge's qualifications, compensation, and all other matters shall be governed by general law.

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

SECTION 4. 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 3.

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