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# Law Enforcement - Historical Notes

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## **Sheriff**

The following acts have no current effect but are included here for reference purposes since they once applied to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office. Also referenced below is an act which repeals prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Acts of 1847-48, Chapter 111, directed the Sheriff of DeKalb County to annually open and hold an election for electing officers of the Town of Alexandria. This provision was amended by Acts of 1857-58, Chapter 39, Page 56, to remove any penalty against the Sheriff for not holding the required election.
2. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 794, set the salary of the Sheriff at a minimum of \$2,000 per year, provided that the fees from his office were not equal to or in excess of that amount. This was repealed by Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 365, Page 1128.
3. Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 442, authorized the Quarterly County Court to appropriate \$1,200 per year for a special deputy sheriff.

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