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## Private Acts of 1974 Chapter 183

**SECTION 1.** There is created and established the office of County Attorney for Wilson County.

**SECTION 2.** The County Attorney shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a resident and citizen of Wilson County, and licensed to practice law in all of the courts of the state and in the United States District Courts.

**SECTION 3.** The County Attorney shall be elected by the Quarterly County Court.

**SECTION 4.** The term of office of the County Attorney shall be for two (2) years or until his successor is elected and qualified.

**SECTION 5.** Effective for the beginning of the new term of the county attorney in March, 1988, and at any time thereafter, the county legislative body shall establish the compensation of the county attorney.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1975, Chapter 26  
Private Acts of 1987, Chapter 87

**SECTION 6.** It shall be the function and duty of the County Attorney to render all legal advices, opinions, and services to the county and any of its officials, departments, offices, boards, and commissions; to prosecute and defend all suits instituted by or against the county or any of its departments, offices, boards and commissions; to represent the county on any hearings before any board or commission; and to prepare resolutions upon the request of members of the Quarterly County Court.

**SECTION 7.** The County Attorney shall take and subscribe to an oath to well and faithfully perform the duties of such office, to the best of his ability and to support the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 8.** This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Quarterly Court of Wilson County on or before August 1, 1974. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the court and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 9.** For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this Act, as provided in Section 8, it shall take effect upon becoming a law, but for all other purposes, the provisions of the Act shall be effective only upon being approved as provided in Section 8.

Passed: February 13, 1974.

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