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## Private Acts of 1979 Chapter 32

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 628 of the Private Acts of 1951 as amended by Chapter 152 of the Private Acts of 1971 and Chapter 203 of the Private Acts of 1971 and all acts amendatory thereto are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2.** The presiding Circuit Judge shall have, and is hereby given, the power to appoint six (6) officers to wait upon the Circuit, Criminal and Chancery Courts, in Williamson County. The officers so appointed shall wait upon the Circuit, Criminal and Chancery Courts during the pleasure of the presiding Circuit Judge who shall have the power to remove such officer or officers at will, and appoint others. Any Circuit Judge holding criminal court shall have the power to appoint such additional officers as he deems necessary to serve temporarily as jury guards in sequestered jury cases. The legislative body of Williamson County shall fix the pay, to be paid out of the county general fund, of the officers appointed pursuant to the provisions of this Act; the pay shall be not less than five dollars (\$5.00) per hour or fraction of an hour for each hour on duty and each officer shall receive at least four (4) hours pay for each period of duty.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1986, Chapter 131

**SECTION 3.** The officers so appointed by the Circuit Judge shall have the power to summon witnesses or jurors and shall perform such duties as may be deemed necessary for the orderly dispatch of the business of the court.

**SECTION 4.** All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.** This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Williamson County before September 6, 1979. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 6.** 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 being approved as provided in Section 5.

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