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Administration - Historical Notes

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Sincerely,

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County Attorney

The following act once affected the appointment, election, or office of the county attorney in Hancock County.

1. Private Acts of 1957, Chapter 381, would have created the office of county attorney for Hancock County, but this act was rejected or disapproved by Hancock County and therefore never became law.

County Clerk

The following act once affected the office of county clerk in Hancock County. It is included herein for historical purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1957, Chapter 382, required that the county court clerk countersign all warrants drawn against the county general funds of Hancock County. This act was repealed by Private Acts of 1978, Chapter 204.

County Mayor

The reference below is an act which once applied to the office of county judge, or county executive in Hancock County. It is included herein for historical purposes only.

1. Private Acts of 1913, Chapter 312, created the office of county judge for Hancock County, prescribing his duties, oath and powers. This office was abolished two years later by Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 34.

County Legislative Body

The following act once applied to the quarterly court or the county legislative body of Hancock County and is included herein for historical purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1913, Chapter 122, set the salary of justices of the peace at \$2.00 per day, for both regular and special sessions. This act was repealed by Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 239, which provided that the compensation of the justices of the peace in Hancock County be set to \$100 per annum.

General Reference

The following private or local acts constitute part of the administrative and political history of Hancock County but are today no longer operative because they have either been superseded, repealed, or failed to receive local approval. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 161, gave Hancock County a director in the branch of the Bank of Tennessee at Rodgersville.
2. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 61, authorized the county courts of Hancock, Jefferson, Grainger, and Cocke counties to take stock in the Cincinnati, Cumberland Gap, and Charleston Railroad.
3. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 725, authorized construction and maintenance of the Clinch River Dam. This act was repealed by Private Acts of 1978, Chapter 204.

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