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Sincerely,

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COMPILER'S NOTE: The effect of the Public Acts of 1984, Chapter 931, now T.C.A. § 16-2- 506, on this Act is unclear. This Act may have been superseded, but is included in this compilation since certain provisions may remain operative in Sumner County, which is now the eighteenth judicial district.

SECTION 1. A separate criminal court for the Ninth Judicial Circuit in Tennessee, with criminal jurisdiction only, is hereby created composed of the counties of Robertson and Sumner.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the Ninth Judicial Circuit for civil cases, it being the intent of this act to create a new criminal court jurisdiction only in the counties herein provided and not to interfere with the civil jurisdiction of the court in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, including the two (2) counties herein named, as now constituted by law.

SECTION 3. [Amended T.C.A. § 16-219 which was repealed by the Public Acts of 1984, Chapter 931.]

SECTION 4. [Amended T.C.A. § 16-220 which was repealed by the Public Acts of 1984, Chapter 931.]

SECTION 5. All criminal cases, excepting those which have heretofore been heard and taken under advisement, now pending in the counties of Robertson and Sumner, shall be transferred to the new criminal court and tried by the court herein created, and all bonds shall be taken and all process heretofore or hereafter issued shall be hereby made returnable to the courts at the times and places fixed for the holding of same in the foregoing provisions.

SECTION 6. The judge of the new criminal judicial circuit is hereby authorized to employ a secretary, at a salary authorized by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, to be paid in equal monthly installments out of the Treasury of the State of Tennessee. The name of such person, together with his or her address, shall be certified by said judge to the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court.

SECTION 7. The Governor shall immediately and upon the passage of this act, appoint a judge for this new criminal circuit, who shall be learned in the law, not less than thirty (30) years of age, and who shall hold such office until September 1, 1972, and until a successor is elected and qualified; and at the August election in 1972 there shall be elected by the qualified voters of Robertson and Sumner counties a judge of said criminal circuit who shall hold his office until September 1, 1974, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and at the August election 1974 and thereafter, every eight (8) years, a judge for said circuit shall be elected by the qualified voters. Such judge shall receive the same salary and emoluments, payable in like manner, and shall have the same powers as other criminal judges of this state, and may interchange with any of the circuit or criminal judges or chancellors of this state.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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