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## Private Acts of 1937 Chapter 2

**SECTION 1.** That Quarterly County Courts of counties of the State having a population of more than three hundred thousand, according to the Federal Census of 1930, or any subsequent Federal Census, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to employ a County Attorney on a yearly salary basis which salary shall be set by the Quarterly County Court in such amount which it deems reasonable, payable in equal monthly installments; that said appointment shall be on a full time basis; that nothing in this Act shall be construed as prohibiting the employment of special counsel or special attorneys by such counties whenever such employment may be deemed necessary or expedient.

As amended by:

Private Acts of 1939, Chapter 22  
Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 158  
Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 116  
Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 213  
Private Acts of 1965, Chapter 294  
Private Acts of 1970, Chapter 315

**SECTION 2.** That the Quarterly County Courts employing County Attorneys under the provisions of this Act are hereby authorized and empowered to prescribe the duties of such County Attorneys, including especially the authority to require that such County Attorneys shall without additional compensation file and prosecute all suits in such counties for the collection of delinquent State and County taxes.

**SECTION 3.** That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: January 7, 1937.

## Private Acts of 1959 Chapter 214

**SECTION 1.** That the Quarterly County Court of Shelby County is authorized to appoint such Assistant County Attorneys as may be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of said County Attorney's Office. The Assistant County Attorneys shall each be a person licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee, shall serve under the direction of and at the pleasure of the Quarterly County Court. The compensation for each such Assistant Attorneys shall be fixed by the County Court and shall be paid out of the general funds of the County.

**SECTION 2.** That this action shall become effective when the same shall have been approved by the Quarterly County Court of Shelby County by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of said Court, such approval to be made by said Court within sixty days (60) after the sine die adjournment of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee for the year 1959, the public welfare requiring its becoming effective at that time, and not before such approval. The approval or non-approval of this Act by said Quarterly County Court shall be certified by the Chairman of said Court to the Secretary of State.

Passed: March 18, 1959.

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