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Jails and Prisoners

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Care of City Prisoners

Private Acts of 1913 Chapter 243

SECTION 1. That all counties in this State having a population of 190,000 or over by the Federal census of 1910 or any subsequent Federal census and municipalities within said counties, are authorized to enter into and make contracts by which the said counties are to take and care for the prisoners of said municipalities.

SECTION 2. That said Counties, after making a contract in the manner herein set out, are authorized and empowered to keep the prisoners of said municipalities, and to board, house, and guard them. The said counties are authorized and empowered to work said prisoners at any point in said counties inside the corporate limits of said municipalities or not, but no greater degree of labor can be imposed upon said cities' prisoners than could be imposed by the particular municipalities under its existing charter powers. The said municipalities are authorized to pay for the boarding, housing, and guarding of said prisoners by their work on the county roads, or in any other way agreed upon between the cities and counties.

As amended by:

Private Acts of 1961, Chapter 376.

SECTION 3. That the contract to be entered into between the counties and municipalities here set out, shall be passed by the Quarterly County Court and be approved by it in every detail on the part of the county, except in such counties as possess Boards of Commissioners in whom is vested the authority concerning matters of this character, and in which counties the said contract shall be passed and approved in every detail by the said Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 4. That Chapter 300 of the Private Acts of Tennessee of 1911, be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.
Passed: March 26, 1913

Prisoners' Work on Parks

Private Acts of 1919 Chapter 586

SECTION 1. That all counties in this State having a population of 190,000 inhabitants or over, according to the Federal Census of 1910, or any subsequent Federal Census, and municipalities in such counties, are authorized to work prisoners committed to the workhouse of such counties, or cities, upon any public park or parkways belonging to the county or city, and the Workhouse Commissioners, Quarterly County Court, or any other Board of Commission having charge or such prisoners, is authorized to make such contracts as may be necessary for the employment of such prisoners upon said parks or parkways. In case a contract should be entered into any county and city or by a county or city with other lessees for the working of such prisoners upon public parks or parkways, such contract shall be in accordance with laws now in force in counties under the provisions of this Act in so far as it concerns the care, protection and control of such prisoners.

SECTION 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed; and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.
Passed: April 12, 1919.

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