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# Speed Limits

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## Private Acts of 1974 Chapter 174

**SECTION 1.** The Quarterly County Court of any county having a population of not less than 6,000 nor more than 6,500 according to the United States Census of Population of 1970, or any subsequent United States Census of Population, shall have the authority to fix the speed limits on the various county roads and highways outside of incorporated municipalities in the county and may fix different speed limits in commercial, industrial, urban, residential, or rural areas, or in school zones or other congested areas, at dangerous intersections, curves, hills and similar places.

**SECTION 2.** This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Quarterly County Court of any county to which it may apply. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the court and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 3.** For the purpose of approving this Act as provided in Section 2, it shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, but for all other purposes, it shall be effective upon being approved as provided in Section 2.

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