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County Attorney

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Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. The office of County Attorney is hereby created. This office shall be filled by the people of Scott County. At the regular August election, some person, meeting the requirements of Section 2, shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The County Attorney shall be elected every four (4) years at the regular August election and take office the succeeding September 1.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1978, Chapter 241

SECTION 2. The County Attorney shall be a person licensed to practice law in Tennessee and a bona fide resident of Scott County.

SECTION 3. The compensation of the County Attorney shall be set at the May meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Scott County and shall be not less than Forty Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$40,100) nor more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), as the same may be changed from time to time by the Board of County Commissioners for Scott County. The salary of the County Attorney, once set, shall not be changed during the term of office of the incumbent for his benefit or to his detriment, except that the County Attorney will be given an allowance for travel expenses while on official county business. The County Attorney shall also be provided with the complete and current volumes of Tennessee Code Annotated.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1978, Chapter 241
Private Acts of 1986, Chapter 153
Private Acts of 2000, Chapter 92

COMPILER'S NOTE: Section 2 of the Private Acts of 1986, Chapter 153, required the Board of County Commissioners of Scott County to ratify the act before May 1, 1986. According to the County Clerk, the act was not ratified until June, 1986; however, the County is operating under the act as amended.

SECTION 4. The County Attorney shall attend each regular or called meeting of the Quarterly County Court, the Scott County Board of Education, and such other meetings of county agencies, boards, committees, or other bodies as the county court or judge may direct. He shall handle all legal business of the county, and the employment by any county agency or official of another attorney to transact official business shall be at the personal expense of such employer unless his action is directed by the county court. In order to better assist county officials, the County Attorney shall designate one (1) day in each week in which he shall render advice and opinions exclusively to county officials on matters of official business, and shall inform county officials of this designated day.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to affect the term of office of any person presently serving as County Attorney in Scott County or to impose any additional duties or requirements on him or affect the amount of his compensation. The provisions of this act shall apply to persons elected in August 1976, and thereafter.

SECTION 6. Chapter 20 of the Private Acts of 1939, Chapter 603 of the Private Acts of 1951, and Chapter 283 of the Private Acts of 1963, are repealed in their entirety.

SECTION 7. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Quarterly County Court of Scott County before July 1, 1976. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Quarterly County Court and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 7.

Passed: March 19, 1976.

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