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County Service Officer

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Sincerely,

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Private Acts of 1951 Chapter 599

SECTION 1. That there is created the office of County Service Officer of counties having a population of not less than 17,060 nor more than 17,075 in the State of Tennessee, according to the Federal Census of 1950, or any subsequent Federal Census.

SECTION 2. That James O. Phillips, who resides in Scott County, Tennessee, who is duly qualified to hold said office of County Service Officer, be and he is hereby appointed and designated as County Service Officer for such County or Counties as come within the provisions of this Act, and who shall hold said office until September 1, 1953, or until his successor is elected and qualified, at the July, 1953, Term of the Quarterly County Court of such County or Counties as come within the provisions of this Act; and every two years thereafter said Quarterly County Court shall elect a County Service Officer for a term of two (2) years. The County Service Officer so elected by said Quarterly Court shall be inducted into the Office on September 1, following.

SECTION 3. That no person shall be elected to said office unless he is a citizen and a resident of said County and at least 21 years of age.

SECTION 4. [Deleted by Private Acts of 2005, Chapter 41]

SECTION 5. [Deleted by Private Acts of 2005, Chapter 41]

SECTION 6. That it shall be the duty of said County Service Officer to attend to all matters pertaining to Veteran's affairs; advise and assist all Veterans, their families and the public generally as to their respective rights and duties relative thereto; also, assist in the filing of their respective claims and proof in support thereof; also, work in conjunction and cooperate with the Veterans Administration.

That it shall be the further duty of said County Service Officer to cooperate and work with and in conjunction with all branches of the armed forces, and he shall be entitled to full recognition in all investigations and reports so requested.

SECTION 7. That if any one or more sections, clauses, sentences, phrases or parts of this Act shall for any reason be questioned in any court, and shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the specific provisions so held unconstitutional, or invalidity of any section, clause or provision of this Act in any one or more instances shall not be taken to affect or prejudiced (sic) in any way its applicability or validity in any other instance.

It is hereby declared and shall be conclusively presented that this Act, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof would have been passed, and enacted, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, clauses, sentences, phrases or parts thereof be declared unconstitutional, inapplicable, invalid, void or ineffective for any cause.

SECTION 8. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 16, 1951.

Private Acts of 1988 Chapter 227

SECTION 1. Chapter 599 of the Private Acts of 1951, as amended by Chapter 333 of the Private Acts of 1970, Chapter 315 of the Private Acts of 1974, Chapter 238 of the Private Acts of 1976, Chapter 174 of the Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 211 of the Private Acts of 1984, Chapter 65 of the Private Acts of 1987, and all other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting Section 4 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 4. The compensation of the county service officer shall be set at the July meeting of the county legislative body, and shall not be less than six thousand dollars (\$6,000) nor more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per annum, payable in equal monthly installments from the county general funds of the county in such amounts as may be established by the board of county commissioner for each budget year. The county service officer shall submit his budget request to the finance committee of Scott County prior to April 1 of each year in order that the compensation of the county service officer can be set by the board of the county commissioners at the July meeting of the county legislative body. Such funds, once the amount of the same has been established by the county legislative body for each year, shall be drawn

upon the county trustee by the county executive.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of altering the salary of any incumbent prior to the end of the term for which such public officer was selected.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board of county commissioners of Scott County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the board of county commissioners of Scott County and certified by him to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 3.

Passed: April 28, 1988.

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