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County Attorney

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Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. That there is hereby created the office of County Attorney of Counties in Tennessee having a population of not less than 21,795 nor a population of more than 21,800 according to the Federal Census of 1930 or any subsequent census thereof.

SECTION 2. The term of office of the county attorney shall be four (4) years. The election of the county attorney shall be held at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the newly elected county commission, beginning September, 1990, and each four (4) years thereafter.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1991, Chapter 16

SECTION 3. The County Attorney shall be compensated in such a manner and at such a rate as prescribed from time to time by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. In no case shall the amount of compensation be less than that being paid on March 3, 1980.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 7
Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 268

SECTION 4. That it shall be the duty of said County Attorney to attend to and transact all legal business of said County, either in court or otherwise, and to advise the County officials, at their request, upon legal matters affecting their offices, and no officer of said County shall employ any other Attorney save at his own personal expense, unless he shall be first authorized and empowered to do so by the Quarterly County Court. It shall also be the duty of said County Attorney appointed or elected pursuant to the provisions of this Act to file any and all suits necessary and required by law for the collection of delinquent taxes in said County in behalf of the State of Tennessee and said County.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1980, Chapter 268

SECTION 5. That no person shall be elected to said office unless he is a citizen or resident of said County and he shall be a duly licensed Attorney at Law.

SECTION 6. That all laws, or parts of law, in conflict with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed, and should any section, clause or paragraph of this Act be held unconstitutional, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections.

SECTION 7. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 9, 1939.

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