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# Law Enforcement - Historical Notes

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The following acts have no current effect but are included here for reference purposes since they once applied to the Putnam County sheriff's office.

1. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 805, relieved E. M. Pippin, of Putnam County, of all personal liability as security for the fine and cost payable to the State of Tennessee for Robert McBroom in the Criminal Court of Putnam County on a charge of possessing intoxicating liquors.
2. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 808, released E. M. DuBois from any and all liability incurred by him in signing as the security for the fine and cost of A. A. Hill, in Putnam County, on a charge of public drunkenness, the said Hill having died shortly thereafter.
3. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 809, released Mrs. Callie Cole, widow of R. W. (Bob) Cole, as surety for the payment of a fine for a violation of the liquor laws, plus costs and taxes.
4. Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 721, released and discharged J. V. McDowell, as Principal, and H. W. Shanks, as Surety, of any and all personal liability they may have incurred in the signing of a note and bond for \$100, assessed by the Criminal Court in Putnam County against McDowell on a charge of unlawfully possessing and transporting intoxicating liquors. McDowell had a half pint of liquor in his possession when he was arrested. McDowell paid the court costs but he is now destitute and a sufferer of the Depression.
5. Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 881, relieved Bob Mathews, of Putnam County, of the payment of the balance of a fine heretofore imposed upon him by the Criminal Court of Putnam County at the January term of Court in 1930. He was convicted of possessing intoxicating liquors.
6. Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 890, released Albert Wade, and his sureties, C. H. Dowell and G. C. Peak, from any further payment on the fine and cost assessed against him in the criminal court of Putnam County, Wade having been convicted of possessing intoxicating liquors and fined \$100 plus court costs. The balance due on the fine and costs were hereby cancelled and rendered null and void.
7. Private Acts of 1961, Chapter 320, set the salary of the Sheriff at \$8,200 per annum, payable from the fees of his office. In the event the fees do not match the salary, then he would be entitled to the greater of the fees or the minimum salary fixed by T.C.A. 8-2405.

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