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Administration - Historical Notes

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County Clerk

The following act once affected the office of county clerk in Pickett County. It is included herein for historical purposes. Also referenced below is an act which repeals prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Private Acts of 1911, Chapter 259, set the salary of the county clerk in Pickett County at \$600 annually, but this act was repealed by Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 112.

County Executive

The references below are of acts which once applied to the office of county judge, or county executive in Pickett County. They are included herein for historical purposes only.

1. Acts of 1891, Chapter 124, provided that the monthly court in Pickett County would be held on the second Monday of each month and such subsequent days as were necessary.
2. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 69, created the office of Pickett County Judge, who would also serve as chief fiscal officer of the county. This act also gave the Pickett County Judge the power to solemnize the rights of matrimony, but it was repealed and the office abolished by Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 225.
3. Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 242, created the office of Chairman for the County Court of Pickett County.
4. Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 733, provided that the quarterly county court of Pickett County would elect a chairman at its regular July term, 1934, to take office on the first day of September, 1934, when the county judge's office would be abolished.
5. Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 225, attempted to recreate the office of Pickett County Judge, but this act was not approved by the quarterly county court and never became effective.
6. Private Acts of 1967, Chapter 3, created the office of County Judge in Pickett County effective September 1, 1968 and abolished the office of County Chairman.
7. Private Acts of 1978, Chapter 313, gave the County Judge in Pickett County concurrent jurisdiction with General Sessions Court. This Act was superseded by general law and is no longer operative.

County Legislative Body

The following acts once applied to the quarterly court or the county legislative body of Pickett County and are included herein for historical purposes.

1. Acts of 1875, Chapter 70, abolished the Quorum Courts and conferred its powers and jurisdiction upon the Chairman of the County Court. This Act also allowed the Quarterly County Court to vote the stock of the county in any railroads in elections of railroad officers and directors. This Act was amended by Acts of 1891, Chapter 196, changing the meeting time of the Monthly County Court to the second Monday.
2. Acts of 1889, Chapter 227, provided that the Quarterly Court of Pickett County would meet on the second Mondays of January, April, July and October of each year rather than on the first Monday.
3. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 450, set the compensation of Justices of the Peace in Pickett County at \$2.50 per day for each regular or called meeting of the quarterly county court.
4. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 56, amended the general law to provide that in Pickett County the incorporated town would not be entitled to elect a justice of the peace.
5. Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 194, was an attempt to raise the per diem of Justices of the Peace in Pickett County to \$10, but this act did not receive local ratification and never became effective.
6. Private Acts of 1971, Chapter 10, raised the per diem of justices of the peace to \$10, but this has now been superseded by the general statute found in T.C.A. 5-5-107.

County Trustee

The following act once affected the office of county trustee in Pickett County, but is no longer operative.

1. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 256, required the county trustee to place all the county's funds on deposit with the highest responsible and solvent bidder, after the county judge advertised for bids from such banks.

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