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General Sessions Court

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Juvenile and Probate Jurisdiction

Private Acts of 1982 Chapter 237

SECTION 1. In addition to the jurisdiction conferred upon Courts of General Sessions by general law, the General Sessions Court in Pickett County shall exercise exclusive jurisdiction over all matters relating to the disposition of juveniles conferred by Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, and any other general law and all matters relating to the probate of wills and the administration of estates.

Such General Sessions Court shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the trial courts to grant fiats for the issuance of restraining orders, injunctions and attachments.

On the effective date of this Act, all courts or persons, except those courts maintaining concurrent jurisdiction, exercising jurisdiction conferred upon the Court of General Sessions by the provisions of this Act shall be divested of such jurisdiction.

The General Sessions Judge shall have the authority to appoint referees to hear special cases. When exercising juvenile jurisdiction, such referees shall be governed by and follow the same procedures set out in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-207.

SECTION 2. The county clerk shall maintain the records, dockets, and perform such duties as may be necessary for the disposition of all probate matters coming before the General Sessions Court. The circuit court clerk shall maintain the records, dockets, and perform such duties as may be necessary for the disposition of all juvenile matters coming before the General Sessions Court.

As amended by: Private Acts of 2007, Chapter 107

SECTION 3. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Pickett County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of such legislative body 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 take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes it shall take effect upon being ratified as provided in Section 3.

Passed: February 25, 1982.

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