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County Attorney

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SECTION 1. That there is hereby created the office of County Attorney for Morgan County, whose compensation and duties shall be as hereinafter provided. At the August election 1952, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of said county some person as County Attorney, who shall be a licensed practicing attorney, who shall hold office for a period of four years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. He shall take office upon September 1 next following his election. To fill the vacancy occasioned by the creation of such office, Geo. W. Dagley is hereby named as such County Attorney to serve until September 1, 1952. The Quarterly County Court shall fix the salary of the County Attorney and may provide such emoluments as it deems necessary and proper for the efficient operation of the office of county attorney. If a vacancy should occur in said office of County Attorney, said vacancy shall be filled by the Quarterly County Court at its next regular quarterly meeting. After the occurrence of such vacancy, the person so elected by said Quarterly County Court shall serve until the next regular election.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1976, Chapter 233

SEC. 2. That the duties of said County Attorney shall be as follows:

1. To attend all meetings of the Quarterly County Court when requested by the County Judge and to advise such Court as to legal matters arising during its sessions.
2. To render opinions to the County Judge and all other county officers, in writing, upon such legal matters as may be duly presented to him by such officials. Likewise, the Quarterly County Court in session may request opinions of the County Attorney, the same to be rendered to the County Judge as representative of the Court, but such County Attorney shall not be bound to render any opinion in writing except upon matters directly pertaining to the affairs of the County.
3. To represent the County in all litigation in which it may be involved and also to draft all necessary documents to which the County is a party and to supervise the draftsmanship of those in which the County shall be directly interested.

SEC. 3. That the County Judge of said Morgan County is hereby directed, authorized and empowered to pay the compensation of said County Attorney out of the funds appropriated in the budget for legal expense.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1976, Chapter 233

SEC. 4. That all Acts or parts of Acts in conflict with this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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