

SENATE BILL 2378

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Chapter 384 of the Private Acts of 1947; as amended by Chapter 76 of the Private Acts of 1977; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to Courts of Rutherford County.

WHEREAS, Rutherford County previously adopted Chapter 384 of Private Acts of 1947, thereby creating a General Sessions Court in Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, the County legislative body of Rutherford County desires to amend Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 384, Section 16 as amended by Private Acts of 1977, Chapter 76; now, therefore

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 384 of the Private Acts of 1947, as amended by Chapter 76 of the Private Acts of 1977, is hereby amended by deleting Section 16 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 16. The judges of the General Sessions Courts, including the Probate Courts and the independent Juvenile Court of Rutherford County, Tennessee, are authorized and empowered to appoint qualified persons that are at least eighteen (18) years of age to serve as court officers, which may include the offices of legal secretary, law clerk, Civil/Probate Court Coordinator, and Juvenile Court Magistrate, for such courts, and whose primary duties shall be to attend and wait upon those courts whenever they are in session, maintain order and decorum in the courtrooms and chambers, perform such other duties as the courts may prescribe, and to perform duties as defined in the job descriptions for such offices as adopted by the County Legislative Body. The officer or officers shall serve at the pleasure of the judges of such courts, and

vacancies in the office shall be filled in the same manner and subject to the same terms as provided for the original appointments.

Before entering upon the duties of the officer, the officer or officers and any successor in the office, shall subscribe an appropriate oath chosen and administered by such officer's appointing judge.

At the expense of the County, and when performing any of the duties of the office, the officer, or officers and any successor shall display a badge of the office, and shall be entitled to compensation from the county treasury in such amount and upon such terms as the County Legislative Body shall determine from time to time.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Rutherford County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.