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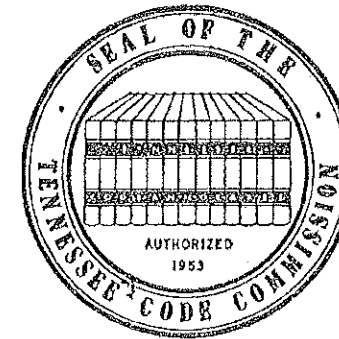
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**Effective Dates.** Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 30, September 1, 1984. Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 30, provided that for the purpose of seeking election to and electing the new judges required by § 16-2-506 to be elected in 1984, this part shall

take effect on June 1, 1984. For the purpose of establishing the times and dates court will be held and promulgating uniform rules of practice as provided in §§ 16-2-510 and 16-2-511, respectively, this part shall take effect on June 1, 1984. For all other purposes, this part shall take effect on September 1, 1984.

**Cross-References.** Power of general assembly to create courts, Tenn. Const., art. 6, § 1.

**16-2-502. Names of judges — Jurisdiction.** — Each trial court judge shall continue to be officially known and designated as either a chancellor, circuit court judge, criminal court judge, or law and equity court judge depending upon the position to which he or she was elected or appointed prior to June 1, 1984. Any judge or chancellor may exercise by interchange, appointment, or designation the jurisdiction of any trial court other than that to which such judge or chancellor was elected or appointed. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 2.]

**16-2-503. Filing and processing of actions.** — Suits shall be filed in the same court and processed by the same clerk as they were filed and processed prior to September 1, 1984. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 3.]

**16-2-504. Selection of clerk and master — Trial court judge as chancellor.** — In those judicial districts in which the provisions of this part have left a particular district without a chancellor, all trial court judges within such district shall be designated as chancellors for the purpose of selecting the clerk and master. Such trial court judges shall also sit as chancellors for the purpose of disposing of those cases filed in chancery court. In judicial districts in which one or more chancellors remain, the clerk and master shall continue to be selected as provided by law. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 4.]

**16-2-505. Election of additional judges — Secretary — Facilities — Judicial candidates.** — (a) In any judicial district in which the provisions of § 16-2-506 require the election of an additional judge in either 1984, 1986, 1988, or 1990, the election shall occur in August of such year. The qualified voters of the judicial district in which the election is required shall elect a person to the office of judge for such district. Such person shall possess the same qualifications, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, payable in the same manner, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for other judges.

(b)(1) If the election occurs in 1984, 1986, or 1988, the person elected shall hold office until September 1, 1990, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, a judge shall be elected for an eight-year term. At the regular August election in 1990, the qualified voters of all judicial districts required by the provisions of § 16-2-506 to elect an additional judge in such year shall elect a person to such office for a full eight-year term. The person elected in 1990 as an additional judge for each such district shall possess the same qualifications, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, payable in the same manner, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for other circuit court judges.

(2) Any vacancy occurring in the office of one (1) of the circuit judges elected pursuant to § 16-2-506 shall be filled as provided by law.

(c) Upon the election of a judge pursuant to the provisions of § 16-2-506, there is created the position of secretary for such judge. Such judge shall select a suitable person to fill such position and such person shall receive the same compensation, payable in the same manner, as is provided by law for the secretary of the other judges in such district. The secretary shall perform such duties as may be assigned by such judge.

(d) It shall be the responsibility of the counties comprising the judicial district to provide a judge elected pursuant to § 16-2-506 with sufficient space and facilities in which to conduct the business and duties of the court.

(e) After June 1, 1984, any person who seeks election to the office of circuit court judge, criminal court judge, law and equity court judge or chancellor, whether such judgeship is created by this part or was in existence on April 1, 1984, shall qualify as provided by law with the various election commissions in the counties comprising the judicial district in which he seeks election. At the time of qualification, such person shall designate to each such commission the court and part of such court, if any, to which he seeks election. If properly qualified, the names of all such judicial candidates shall appear on the official ballot by the court and part of court, if any, previously designated and the candidate who shall receive the highest number of votes cast for judge of each part of each court shall be declared elected. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 5.]

**16-2-506. Establishment of judicial districts — Assistant district attorneys general — Criminal investigators — Equity and law courts — Chancery courts.** — The state is divided into thirty-one (31) judicial districts composed as follows:

(1)(A) The first judicial district shall consist of the counties of Carter, Johnson, Unicoi and Washington. The four (4) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the first judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1988, the qualified voters of the first judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the first judicial district shall be entitled to five (5) assistant district attorney general positions.

(2)(A) The second judicial district shall consist of the county of Sullivan. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the second judicial district in their respective capacities. Effective September 1, 1984, the law and equity court currently located in Sullivan County shall become a chancery court for the second judicial district and the current law and equity judge shall become a chancellor who on such date shall possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for chancellors. In 1984, the qualified voters of the second judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part II of the circuit court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the second judicial district shall be entitled to six (6) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(3)(A) The third judicial district shall consist of the counties of Greene, Hamblen, Hancock and Hawkins. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the third judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the third judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the third judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions.

(4)(A) The fourth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Coker, Grainger, Jefferson and Sevier. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the fourth judicial district in their respective capacities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1992, the chancellor currently residing in the fourth judicial district shall also serve the fifth judicial district. As long as the chancellor for the fourth judicial district also serves the fifth judicial district, such chancellor shall be elected by the qualified voters of both such districts.

(B) The district attorney general of the fourth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions.

(5)(A) The fifth judicial district shall consist of the county of Blount. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the fifth judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the fifth judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions.

(6)(A) The sixth judicial district shall consist of the county of Knox. The nine (9) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the sixth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the sixth judicial district shall elect an additional chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part III of the chancery court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the sixth judicial district shall be entitled to twelve (12) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions.

(7)(A) The seventh judicial district shall consist of the county of Anderson. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the seventh judicial district.

(B) The district attorney general of the seventh judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(8)(A) The eighth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Campbell, Claiborne, Fentress, Scott and Union. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the eighth judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the eighth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(9)(A) The ninth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Loudon, Meigs, Morgan and Roane. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the ninth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the ninth judicial district shall elect a chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part I of the chancery court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the ninth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(10)(A) The tenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Bradley, McMinn, Monroe and Polk. The four (4) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the tenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the tenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the tenth judicial district shall be entitled to five (5) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(11)(A) The eleventh judicial district shall consist of the county of Hamilton. The nine (9) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the eleventh judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the eleventh judicial district shall be entitled to ten (10) assistant district attorney general positions and four (4) criminal investigator positions.

(12)(A) The twelfth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Rhea and Sequatchie. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twelfth judicial district in their respective capacities.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1990, the chancellor currently residing in the twelfth judicial district shall also serve as chancellor for Coffee and Warren counties in the fourteenth and thirty-first judicial districts, respectively.

(B) The district attorney general of the twelfth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions.

(13)(A) The thirteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam and White. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the thirteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the thirteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part II of the circuit court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the thirteenth judicial district shall be entitled to five (5) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(14)(A) The fourteenth judicial district shall consist of the county of Coffee. The incumbent trial court judge and district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the fourteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. Provided, however, the judge residing in the fourteenth judicial district shall also have the responsibility and duty to assist the judge of the thirty-first judicial district by interchange with his or her docket.

(B) The district attorney general of the fourteenth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions. The district attorney general of the fourteenth judicial district shall also serve as district attorney general of the thirty-first judicial district.

(15)(A) The fifteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale and Wilson. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the fifteenth judicial district. The present criminal court judge shall continue to serve as judge of the criminal court; the present chancellor shall continue to serve as judge of the chancery court; and the present circuit judge shall continue to serve as judge of the circuit court.

(B) The district attorney general of the fifteenth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions.

(16)(A) The sixteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Cannon and Rutherford. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the sixteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the sixteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part II of the circuit court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the sixteenth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(17)(A) The seventeenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall and Moore. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the seventeenth judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the seventeenth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions.

(18)(A) The eighteenth judicial district shall consist of the county of Sumner. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the eighteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the eighteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1990, the circuit court judge currently residing in the eighteenth judicial district shall also serve the nineteenth judicial district.

(B) The district attorney general of the eighteenth judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(19)(A) The nineteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Montgomery and Robertson. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the nineteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the nineteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part I of the circuit court of such district.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1988, the chancellor currently residing in the nineteenth judicial district shall also serve as chancellor for Stewart County in the twenty-third judicial district.

The circuit court judge elected in 1984 to serve Part I of the circuit court of the nineteenth judicial district shall be a resident of Robertson County but shall serve the entire district. In any subsequent election for Part I of such circuit court, the judge may be a resident of any county within the district. Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1986, the circuit judge for the nineteenth judicial district shall be authorized to sit by interchange in the eighteenth judicial district when requested to do so by the judges of the eighteenth judicial district. During such two-year period, nothing other than the agreement of the judges involved shall be necessary to effectuate such an interchange.

Effective September 1, 1984, the law and equity court currently located in Montgomery County shall become Part II of the circuit court of the nineteenth judicial district and the current law and equity judge shall become judge of Part II of such circuit court. On such date, such law and equity judge shall possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for circuit court judges.

(B) The district attorney general of the nineteenth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions.

(20)(A) The twentieth judicial district shall consist of the county of Davidson. The twelve (12) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the twentieth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1990, the qualified voters of the twentieth judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the twentieth judicial district shall be entitled to seventeen (17) assistant district attorney general positions and four (4) criminal investigator positions.

(21)(A) The twenty-first judicial district shall consist of the counties of Hickman, Lewis, Perry and Williamson. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-first judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the twenty-first judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-first judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(22)(A) The twenty-second judicial district shall consist of the counties of Giles, Lawrence, Maury and Wayne. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-second judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-second judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions.

(23)(A) The twenty-third judicial district shall consist of the counties of Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys and Stewart. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-third judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1988, the qualified voters of the twenty-third judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-third judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions.

(24)(A) The twenty-fourth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin and Henry. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-fourth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the twenty-fourth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part II of the circuit court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-fourth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions.

(25)(A) The twenty-fifth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, McNairy, and Tipton. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-fifth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1990, the qualified voters of the twenty-fifth judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-fifth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions.

(26)(A) The twenty-sixth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Chester, Henderson and Madison. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-sixth judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-sixth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions.

(27)(A) The twenty-seventh judicial district shall consist of the counties of Obion and Weakley. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-seventh judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-seventh judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(28)(A) The twenty-eighth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Crockett, Gibson and Haywood. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-eighth judicial district in their respective capacities.

Effective September 1, 1984, the law and equity court currently located in Gibson County shall become a chancery court for the twenty-eighth judicial district and the current law and equity judge shall become a chancellor who on such date shall possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for chancellors.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-eighth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(29)(A) The twenty-ninth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Dyer and Lake. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-ninth judicial district in their respective capacities. The trial level judge residing in Dyer County shall continue to exercise juvenile jurisdiction in such county.

Effective September 1, 1984, the law and equity court currently located in Dyer County shall become Part II of the circuit court of the twenty-ninth judicial district and the current law and equity judge shall become judge of Part II of such circuit court. On such date, such law and equity judge shall



possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for circuit court judges.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-ninth judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(C) Effective September 1, 1984, there is created the position of secretary for the judge of Part II of the circuit court of the twenty-ninth judicial district and such judge is authorized to employ a person to fill such position in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505(c).

(30)(A) The thirtieth judicial district shall be composed of the county of Shelby. The nineteen (19) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the thirtieth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the thirtieth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part IX of the circuit court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the thirtieth judicial district shall be entitled to thirty-five (35) assistant district attorney general positions and twelve (12) criminal investigator positions.

(31)(A) The thirty-first judicial district shall consist of the counties of Van Buren and Warren. The incumbent trial court judge currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the thirty-first judicial district. Provided, however, the judge residing in the thirty-first judicial district shall also have the responsibility and duty to assist the judge of the fourteenth judicial district by interchange with his or her docket.

(B) The district attorney general of the fourteenth judicial district shall serve as district attorney general of the thirty-first judicial district. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 6.]

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Cross-References. Criminal investigators and assistant district attorneys general, compensation, § 8-7-201 et seq.

District attorneys general, § 8-7-101 et seq.

**16-2-507. Incumbent judges — Cooperation between judges.** — (a) From September 1, 1984, all incumbent trial court judges shall hold office in and serve the judicial district of which they have been designated by the provisions of § 16-2-506.

(b) It shall be the affirmative duty of every trial court judge to fully cooperate with the presiding judge and the other judges in the district. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 7.]

**16-2-508. District attorneys general — Powers and duties — Assistant district attorneys general — Criminal investigators — Other positions.** — (a) From September 1, 1984, all incumbent district attorneys

general shall hold office in and serve the judicial district to which they are assigned by the provisions of § 16-2-506. Such district attorneys general shall exercise and possess the jurisdiction, powers and duties within the judicial districts created by this part as are conferred by law upon district attorneys general. This part shall not be construed to make any reduction in the staff of any district attorney general, and any legislative act which creates assistant district attorney general, criminal investigator or other positions, or which otherwise affects or involves the office of district attorney general in a particular judicial circuit or attorney's district as it is presently numbered or identified is hereby made applicable to the judicial district to which the present district attorney general is assigned by this part. Nothing in this part shall be construed as affecting a county's authority to provide staff and other resources to the district attorney general of the district in which the county is located.

(b) Except in the judicial districts comprising the urban counties of Shelby, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox and Sullivan, the district attorney general of each judicial district shall, effective September 1, 1984, be entitled to at least one assistant district attorney general position for each trial court judge in the judicial district to which the district attorney general is assigned, as well as one (1) additional assistant district attorney general if the judicial district is comprised of four (4) or more counties. If, after September 1, 1984, an additional trial court judge is added to a judicial district, and that district does not already have sufficient assistant district attorney general positions to satisfy the formula set out above, an additional assistant district attorney general position shall be created for that district upon the effective date of the creation of the new judicial position.

(c) The district attorneys general of the judicial districts comprising the urban counties of Shelby, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox and Sullivan, shall retain their present number of assistant district attorneys general, except that on September 1, 1985, and on each successive September 1 through 1990, one (1) additional assistant district attorney general position shall be created, and assigned to the urban district then having the highest ratio of population to assistant district attorneys general. On August 1, 1985, through August 1, 1990, the office of local government of the state comptroller's office shall determine which of the five (5) urban judicial districts listed above has the highest ratio of population to assistant district attorney general positions. The office of local government shall notify the executive secretary of the district attorneys general conference who shall notify the district attorney general of the district with the highest ratio that effective September 1, of that year he is entitled to employ one (1) additional assistant district attorney general.

(d) The district attorney general of any judicial district in which an assistant district attorney general position is created by this part shall appoint a suitable person to serve as assistant district attorney general. The person so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the district attorney general, and shall perform such duties as the district attorney general may require. Each person so appointed shall be compensated as provided for by general law.

(e) Except for the assistant district attorney general position created annually by subsection (c) of this section and those created when, pursuant to § 16-2-506, an additional trial court judge is elected in 1986, 1988, or 1990, the

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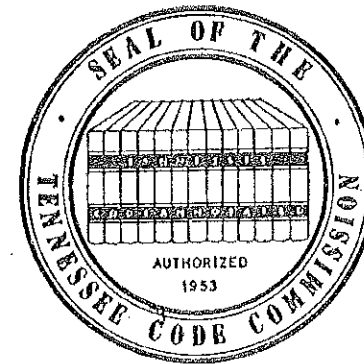
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(B) The district attorney general of the first judicial district shall be entitled to five (5) assistant district attorney general positions.

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(B) The district attorney general of the third judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions.

(4)(A) The fourth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Coker, Grainger, Jefferson and Sevier. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the fourth judicial district in their respective capacities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1992, the chancellor currently residing in the fourth judicial district shall also serve the fifth judicial district. As long as the chancellor for the fourth judicial district also serves the fifth judicial district, such chancellor shall be elected by the qualified voters of both such districts.

(B) The district attorney general of the fourth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions.

(5)(A) The fifth judicial district shall consist of the county of Blount. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the fifth judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the fifth judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions.

(6)(A) The sixth judicial district shall consist of the county of Knox. The nine (9) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the sixth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the sixth judicial district shall elect an additional chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part III of the chancery court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the sixth judicial district shall be entitled to twelve (12) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions.

(7)(A) The seventh judicial district shall consist of the county of Anderson. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the seventh judicial district.

(B) The district attorney general of the seventh judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(8)(A) The eighth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Campbell, Claiborne, Fentress, Scott and Union. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the eighth judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the eighth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(9)(A) The ninth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Loudon, Meigs, Morgan and Roane. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the ninth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the ninth judicial district shall elect a chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part I of the chancery court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the ninth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(10)(A) The tenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Bradley, McMinn, Monroe and Polk. The four (4) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the tenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the tenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge

or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the tenth judicial district shall be entitled to five (5) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(11)(A) The eleventh judicial district shall consist of the county of Hamilton. The nine (9) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the eleventh judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the eleventh judicial district shall be entitled to ten (10) assistant district attorney general positions and four (4) criminal investigator positions.

(12)(A) The twelfth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Rhea and Sequatchie. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twelfth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the twelfth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505, to serve part III of the circuit court of such district.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1990, the chancellor currently residing in the twelfth judicial district shall also serve as chancellor for Coffee and Warren counties in the fourteenth and thirty-first judicial districts, respectively.

(B) The district attorney general of the twelfth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions.

(13)(A) The thirteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam and White. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the thirteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the thirteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part II of the circuit court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the thirteenth judicial district shall be entitled to five (5) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(14)(A) The fourteenth judicial district shall consist of the county of Coffee. The incumbent trial court judge and district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the fourteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. Provided, however, the judge residing in the fourteenth judicial district shall also have the responsibility and duty to assist the judge of the thirty-first judicial district by interchange with his or her docket.

(B) The district attorney general of the fourteenth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions. The district attorney general of the

fourteenth judicial district shall also serve as district attorney general of the thirty-first judicial district.

(15)(A) The fifteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale and Wilson. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the fifteenth judicial district. The present criminal court judge shall continue to serve as judge of the criminal court; the present chancellor shall continue to serve as judge of the chancery court; and the present circuit judge shall continue to serve as judge of the circuit court.

(B) The district attorney general of the fifteenth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions.

(16)(A) The sixteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Cannon and Rutherford. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the sixteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the sixteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part II of the circuit court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the sixteenth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(17)(A) The seventeenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall and Moore. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the seventeenth judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the seventeenth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions.

(18)(A) The eighteenth judicial district shall consist of the county of Sumner. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the eighteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the eighteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1990, the circuit court judge currently residing in the eighteenth judicial district shall also serve the nineteenth judicial district.

(B) The district attorney general of the eighteenth judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(19)(A) The nineteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Montgomery and Robertson. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the nineteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the nineteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part I of the circuit court of such district.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1988, the chancellor currently residing in the nineteenth judicial district shall also serve as chancellor for Stewart County in the twenty-third judicial district.

The circuit court judge elected in 1984 to serve Part I of the circuit court of the nineteenth judicial district shall be a resident of Robertson County but shall serve the entire district. In any subsequent election for Part I of such circuit court, the judge may be a resident of any county within the district. Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1986, the circuit judge for the nineteenth judicial district shall be authorized to sit by interchange in the eighteenth judicial district when requested to do so by the judges of the eighteenth judicial district. During such two-year period, nothing other than the agreement of the judges involved shall be necessary to effectuate such an interchange.

Effective September 1, 1984, the law and equity court currently located in Montgomery County shall become Part II of the circuit court of the nineteenth judicial district and the current law and equity judge shall become judge of Part II of such circuit court. On such date, such law and equity judge shall possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for circuit court judges.

(B) The district attorney general of the nineteenth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions.

(20)(A) The twentieth judicial district shall consist of the county of Davidson. The twelve (12) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the twentieth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1990, the qualified voters of the twentieth judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the twentieth judicial district shall be entitled to seventeen (17) assistant district attorney general positions and four (4) criminal investigator positions.

(21)(A) The twenty-first judicial district shall consist of the counties of Hickman, Lewis, Perry and Williamson. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-first judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the twenty-first judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-first judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(22)(A) The twenty-second judicial district shall consist of the counties of Giles, Lawrence, Maury and Wayne. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties

shall continue to serve the twenty-second judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-second judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions.

(23)(A) The twenty-third judicial district shall consist of the counties of Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys and Stewart. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-third judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1988, the qualified voters of the twenty-third judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-third judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions.

(24)(A) The twenty-fourth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin and Henry. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-fourth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the twenty-fourth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part II of the circuit court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-fourth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions.

(25)(A) The twenty-fifth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, McNairy, and Tipton. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-fifth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1990, the qualified voters of the twenty-fifth judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-fifth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions.

(26)(A) The twenty-sixth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Chester, Henderson and Madison. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-sixth judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-sixth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions.

(27)(A) The twenty-seventh judicial district shall consist of the counties of Obion and Weakley. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-seventh judicial district in their respective capacities.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-seventh judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(28)(A) The twenty-eighth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Crockett, Gibson and Haywood. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-eighth judicial district in their respective capacities.

Effective September 1, 1984, the law and equity court currently located in Gibson County shall become a chancery court for the twenty-eighth judicial district and the current law and equity judge shall become a chancellor who on such date shall possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for chancellors.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-eighth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(29)(A) The twenty-ninth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Dyer and Lake. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-ninth judicial district in their respective capacities. The trial level judge residing in Dyer County shall continue to exercise juvenile jurisdiction in such county.

Effective September 1, 1984, the law and equity court currently located in Dyer County shall become Part II of the circuit court of the twenty-ninth judicial district and the current law and equity judge shall become judge of Part II of such circuit court. On such date, such law and equity judge shall possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for circuit court judges.

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-ninth judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position.

(C) Effective September 1, 1984, there is created the position of secretary for the judge of Part II of the circuit court of the twenty-ninth judicial district and such judge is authorized to employ a person to fill such position in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505(c).

(30)(A) The thirtieth judicial district shall be composed of the county of Shelby. The nineteen (19) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the thirtieth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the thirtieth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part IX of the circuit court of such district.

(B) The district attorney general of the thirtieth judicial district shall be entitled to thirty-five (35) assistant district attorney general positions and twelve (12) criminal investigator positions.

(31)(A) The thirty-first judicial district shall consist of the counties of Van Buren and Warren. The incumbent trial court judge currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the thirty-first judicial district. Provided, however, the judge residing in the thirty-first judicial district shall

also have the responsibility and duty to assist the judge of the fourteenth judicial district by interchange with his or her docket.

(B) The district attorney general of the fourteenth judicial district shall serve as district attorney general of the thirty-first judicial district. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 6; 1985, ch. 474, § 1.]

Compiler's Notes. Acts 1985, ch. 474 was repassed over the governor's veto on June 19, 1985.

Amendments. The 1985 amendment added the last sentence in (12)(A).

Effective Dates. Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 30, June 1, 1984. Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 30, provided that for the purpose of seeking election to and electing the new judges required by this section to be elected in 1984, this section shall take effect on June 1, 1984. For the purpose of establishing the times and dates court will be held and promulgating uniform rules of practice as provided in §§ 16-2-510 and 16-2-511, respec-

tively, those sections shall take effect on June 1, 1984. For all other purposes, this section shall take effect on September 1, 1984.

Acts 1985, ch. 474, § 2, June 19, 1985 (veto override).

Cross-References. Criminal investigators and assistant district attorneys general, compensation, § 8-7-201 et seq.

District attorneys general, § 8-7-101 et seq.

Attorney General Opinions. Law court of Ducktown not abolished, OAG 84-286 (9/21/84).

Confiscated firearms jurisdiction, OAG 85-023 (1/30/85).

**16-2-507. Incumbent judges — Cooperation between judges. —** (a) From September 1, 1984, all incumbent trial court judges shall hold office in and serve the judicial district of which they have been designated by the provisions of § 16-2-506.

(b) It shall be the affirmative duty of every trial court judge to fully cooperate with the presiding judge and the other judges in the district. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 7.]

**16-2-508. District attorneys general — Powers and duties — Assistant district attorneys general — Criminal investigators — Other positions. —** (a) From September 1, 1984, all incumbent district attorneys general shall hold office in and serve the judicial district to which they are assigned by the provisions of § 16-2-506. Such district attorneys general shall exercise and possess the jurisdiction, powers and duties within the judicial districts created by this part as are conferred by law upon district attorneys general. This part shall not be construed to make any reduction in the staff of any district attorney general, and any legislative act which creates assistant district attorney general, criminal investigator or other positions, or which otherwise affects or involves the office of district attorney general in a particular judicial circuit or attorney's district as it is presently numbered or identified is hereby made applicable to the judicial district to which the present district attorney general is assigned by this part. Nothing in this part shall be construed as affecting a county's authority to provide staff and other resources to the district attorney general of the district in which the county is located.

(b) Except in the judicial districts comprising the urban counties of Shelby, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox and Sullivan, the district attorney general of each judicial district shall, effective September 1, 1984, be entitled to at least one assistant district attorney general position for each trial court judge in the judicial district to which the district attorney general is assigned, as well as one (1) additional assistant district attorney general if the judicial district is



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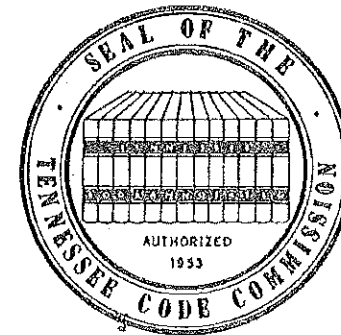
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a suitable person to fill such position and such person shall receive the same compensation, payable in the same manner, as is provided by law for the secretary of the other judges in such district. The secretary shall perform such duties as may be assigned by such judge.

(d) It shall be the responsibility of the counties comprising the judicial district to provide a judge elected pursuant to § 16-2-506 with sufficient space and facilities in which to conduct the business and duties of the court.

(e) After June 1, 1984, any person who seeks election to the office of circuit court judge, criminal court judge, law and equity court judge or chancellor, whether such judgeship is created by this part or was in existence on April 1, 1984, shall qualify as provided by law with the various election commissions in the counties comprising the judicial district in which he seeks election. At the time of qualification, such person shall designate to each such commission the court and part of such court, if any, to which he seeks election. If properly qualified, the names of all such judicial candidates shall appear on the official ballot by the court and part of court, if any, previously designated and the candidate who shall receive the highest number of votes cast for judge of each part of each court shall be declared elected. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 5.]

Section to Section References. This section is referred to in § 16-2-506.

**16-2-506. Establishment of judicial districts — Assistant district attorneys general — Criminal investigators — Equity and law courts — Chancery courts.** — The state is divided into thirty-one (31) judicial districts composed as follows:

(1)(A) The first judicial district shall consist of the counties of Carter, Johnson, Unicoi and Washington. The four (4) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the first judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1988, the qualified voters of the first judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512;

(B) The district attorney general of the first judicial district shall be entitled to five (5) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(2)(A) The second judicial district shall consist of the county of Sullivan. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the second judicial district in their respective capacities. Effective September 1, 1984, the law and equity court currently located in Sullivan County shall become a chancery court for the second judicial district and the current law and equity judge shall become a chancellor who on such date shall possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for chancellors. In 1984, the qualified voters of the second judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part II of the circuit court of such district;

(B) The district attorney general of the second judicial district shall be entitled to six (6) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(3)(A) The third judicial district shall consist of the counties of Greene, Hamblen, Hancock and Hawkins. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the third judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the third judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512;

(B) The district attorney general of the third judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions;

(4)(A) The fourth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Cocke, Grainger, Jefferson and Sevier. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the fourth judicial district in their respective capacities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1992, the chancellor currently residing in the fourth judicial district shall also serve the fifth judicial district. As long as the chancellor for the fourth judicial district also serves the fifth judicial district, such chancellor shall be elected by the qualified voters of both such districts;

(B) The district attorney general of the fourth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions;

(5)(A) The fifth judicial district shall consist of the county of Blount. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the fifth judicial district in their respective capacities;

(B) The district attorney general of the fifth judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(6)(A) The sixth judicial district shall consist of the county of Knox. The nine (9) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the sixth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the sixth judicial district shall elect an additional chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part III of the chancery court of such district;

(B) The district attorney general of the sixth judicial district shall be entitled to twelve (12) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions;

(7)(A) The seventh judicial district shall consist of the county of Anderson. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the seventh judicial district;

(B) The district attorney general of the seventh judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(8)(A) The eighth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Campbell, Claiborne, Pentress, Scott and Union. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the eighth judicial district in their respective capacities;

(B) The district attorney general of the eighth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(9)(A) The ninth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Loudon, Meigs, Morgan and Roane. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the ninth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the ninth judicial district shall elect a chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part I of the chancery court of such district;

(B) The district attorney general of the ninth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(10)(A) The tenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Bradley, McMinn, Monroe and Polk. The four (4) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the tenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the tenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512;

(B) The district attorney general of the tenth judicial district shall be entitled to five (5) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(11)(A) The eleventh judicial district shall consist of the county of Hamilton. The nine (9) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the eleventh judicial district in their respective capacities;

(B) The district attorney general of the eleventh judicial district shall be entitled to ten (10) assistant district attorney general positions and four (4) criminal investigator positions;

(12)(A)(i) The twelfth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Rhea and Sequatchie. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twelfth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the twelfth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505, to serve part III of the circuit court of such district;

(ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1990, the chancellor currently residing in the twelfth judicial district shall also serve as chancellor for Coffee

and Warren counties in the fourteenth and thirty-first judicial districts, respectively;

(B) The district attorney general of the twelfth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions;

(13)(A) The thirteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam and White. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the thirteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the thirteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part II of the circuit court of such district;

(B) The district attorney general of the thirteenth judicial district shall be entitled to five (5) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(14)(A) The fourteenth judicial district shall consist of the county of Coffee. The incumbent trial court judge and district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the fourteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. Provided, however, the judge residing in the fourteenth judicial district shall also have the responsibility and duty to assist the judge of the thirty-first judicial district by interchange with his or her docket;

(B) The district attorney general of the fourteenth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions. The district attorney general of the fourteenth judicial district shall also serve as district attorney general of the thirty-first judicial district;

(15)(A) The fifteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale and Wilson. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the fifteenth judicial district. The present criminal court judge shall continue to serve as judge of the criminal court; the present chancellor shall continue to serve as judge of the chancery court; and the present circuit judge shall continue to serve as judge of the circuit court;

(B) The district attorney general of the fifteenth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(16)(A) The sixteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Cannon and Rutherford. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the sixteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the sixteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part II of the circuit court of such district;

(B) The district attorney general of the sixteenth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(17)(A) The seventeenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall and Moore. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the seventeenth judicial district in their respective capacities;

(B) The district attorney general of the seventeenth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(18)(A) The eighteenth judicial district shall consist of the county of Sumner. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the eighteenth judicial district in their respective capacities; In 1986, the qualified voters of the eighteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512;

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1990, the circuit court judge currently residing in the eighteenth judicial district shall also serve the nineteenth judicial district;

(B) The district attorney general of the eighteenth judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(19)(A) The nineteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Montgomery and Robertson. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the nineteenth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the nineteenth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part I of the circuit court of such district;

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1988, the chancellor currently residing in the nineteenth judicial district shall also serve as chancellor for Stewart County in the twenty-third judicial district;

The circuit court judge elected in 1984 to serve Part I of the circuit court of the nineteenth judicial district shall be a resident of Robertson County but shall serve the entire district. In any subsequent election for Part I of such circuit court, the judge may be a resident of any county within the district. Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, from September 1, 1984 until September 1, 1986, the circuit judge for the nineteenth judicial district shall be authorized to sit by interchange in the eighteenth judicial district when requested to do so by the judges of the eighteenth judicial district. During such two-year period, nothing other than the agreement of the judges involved shall be necessary to effectuate such an interchange;

Effective September 1, 1984, the law and equity court currently located in Montgomery County shall become Part II of the circuit court of the nineteenth judicial district and the current law and equity judge shall become judge of Part II of such circuit court. On such date, such law and equity

judge shall possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for circuit court judges;

(B) The district attorney general of the nineteenth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(20)(A) The twentieth judicial district shall consist of the county of Davidson. The twelve (12) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the twentieth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1990, the qualified voters of the twentieth judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512;

(B) The district attorney general of the twentieth judicial district shall be entitled to seventeen (17) assistant district attorney general positions and four (4) criminal investigator positions;

(21)(A) The twenty-first judicial district shall consist of the counties of Hickman, Lewis, Perry and Williamson. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-first judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1986, the qualified voters of the twenty-first judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512;

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-first judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(22)(A) The twenty-second judicial district shall consist of the counties of Giles, Lawrence, Maury and Wayne. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-second judicial district in their respective capacities;

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-second judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions;

(23)(A) The twenty-third judicial district shall consist of the counties of Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys and Stewart. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-third judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1988, the qualified voters of the twenty-third judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512;

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-third judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(24)(A) The twenty-fourth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin and Henry. The two (2) incumbent trial

court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-fourth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the twenty-fourth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part II of the circuit court of such district;

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-fourth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(25)(A) The twenty-fifth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, McNairy, and Tipton. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-fifth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1990, the qualified voters of the twenty-fifth judicial district shall elect an additional judge or chancellor in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve the court and part of court designated pursuant to § 16-2-512;

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-fifth judicial district shall be entitled to four (4) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(26)(A) The twenty-sixth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Chester, Henderson and Madison. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-sixth judicial district in their respective capacities;

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-sixth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(27)(A) The twenty-seventh judicial district shall consist of the counties of Obion and Weakley. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-seventh judicial district in their respective capacities;

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-seventh judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(28)(A) The twenty-eighth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Crockett, Gibson and Haywood. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-eighth judicial district in their respective capacities;

Effective September 1, 1984, the law and equity court currently located in Gibson County shall become a chancery court for the twenty-eighth judicial district and the current law and equity judge shall become a chancellor who on such date shall possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for chancellors;

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-eighth judicial district shall be entitled to three (3) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(29)(A) The twenty-ninth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Dyer and Lake. The two (2) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-ninth judicial district in their respective capacities. The trial level judge residing in Dyer County shall continue to exercise juvenile jurisdiction in such county;

Upon April 15, 1986, Part II of the circuit court of the twenty-ninth judicial district shall become Part I of the chancery court of such district and the current judge of Part II of such circuit court shall become chancellor of Part I of the chancery court of such district. On such date, such chancellor shall possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for chancellors. This chancellor shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court of this district;

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-ninth judicial district shall be entitled to two (2) assistant district attorney general positions and one (1) criminal investigator position;

(C) Effective September 1, 1984, there is created the position of secretary for the chancellor of Part I of the chancery court of the twenty-ninth judicial district and such chancellor is authorized to employ a person to fill such position in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505(c);

(30)(A) The thirtieth judicial district shall be composed of the county of Shelby. The nineteen (19) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such county shall continue to serve the thirtieth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1984, the qualified voters of the thirtieth judicial district shall elect an additional judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve Part IX of the circuit court of such district;

(B) The district attorney general of the thirtieth judicial district shall be entitled to thirty-five (35) assistant district attorney general positions and twelve (12) criminal investigator positions; and

(31)(A) The thirty-first judicial district shall consist of the counties of Van Buren and Warren. The incumbent trial court judge currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the thirty-first judicial district. Provided, however, the judge residing in the thirty-first judicial district shall also have the responsibility and duty to assist the judge of the fourteenth judicial district by interchange with his or her docket;

(B) The district attorney general of the fourteenth judicial district shall serve as district attorney general of the thirty-first judicial district. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 6; 1985, ch. 474, § 1; 1986, ch. 746, §§ 1, 2; 1986, ch. 813, § 1.]

Compiler's Notes. Acts 1985, ch. 474 was repassed over the governor's veto on June 19, 1985.

Amendments. The 1985 amendment added the last sentence in (12)(A).

The 1986 amendment, by ch. 746, in the sec-

ond paragraph in (29)(A) substituted the present provisions for "Effective September 1, 1984, the law and equity court currently located in Dyer County shall become Part II of the circuit court of the twenty-ninth judicial district and the current law and equity judge

shall become judge of Part II of such circuit court. On such date, such law and equity judge shall possess the same jurisdiction, powers and duties and shall receive the same compensation, benefits, emoluments and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for circuit court judges"; and in subdivision (29)(C) substituted "chancellor" for "judge" both places it appears, and "Part I of the chancery court" for "Part II of the circuit court."

The 1986 amendment, by ch. 813, added the words "and one criminal investigator position" at the end of (1)(B), (5)(B), (15)(B), (17)(B), (19)(B), (23)(B), (24)(B), (25)(B) and (26)(B).  
Effective Dates. Acts 1985, ch. 474, § 2. June 19, 1985 (veto override).

**16-2-507. Incumbent judges — Cooperation between judges.** — (a) From September 1, 1984, all incumbent trial court judges shall hold office in and serve the judicial district of which they have been designated by the provisions of § 16-2-506.

(b) It shall be the affirmative duty of every trial court judge to fully cooperate with the presiding judge and the other judges in the district. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 7.]

**16-2-508. District attorneys general — Powers and duties — Assistant district attorneys general — Criminal investigators — Other positions.** — (a) From September 1, 1984, all incumbent district attorneys general shall hold office in and serve the judicial district to which they are assigned by the provisions of § 16-2-506. Such district attorneys general shall exercise and possess the jurisdiction, powers and duties within the judicial districts created by this part as are conferred by law upon district attorneys general. This part shall not be construed to make any reduction in the staff of any district attorney general, and any legislative act which creates assistant district attorney general, criminal investigator or other positions, or which otherwise affects or involves the office of district attorney general in a particular judicial circuit or attorney's district as it is presently numbered or identified is hereby made applicable to the judicial district to which the present district attorney general is assigned by this part. Nothing in this part shall be construed as affecting a county's authority to provide staff and other resources to the district attorney general of the district in which the county is located.

(b) Except in the judicial districts comprising the urban counties of Shelby, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox and Sullivan, the district attorney general of each judicial district shall, effective September 1, 1984, be entitled to at least one assistant district attorney general position for each trial court judge in the judicial district to which the district attorney general is assigned, as well as one (1) additional assistant district attorney general if the judicial district is comprised of four (4) or more counties. If, after September 1, 1984, an additional trial court judge is added to a judicial district, and that district does not already have sufficient assistant district attorney general positions to satisfy the formula set out above, an additional assistant district attorney general position shall be created for that district upon the effective date of the creation of the new judicial position.

Acts 1986, ch. 746, § 3. April 15, 1986.

Acts 1986, ch. 813, § 4. July 1, 1986.

Cross-References. Criminal investigators and assistant district attorneys general, compensation, § 8-7-201 et seq.

District attorneys general, § 8-7-101 et seq.  
Textbooks. Tennessee Criminal Practice and Procedure (Raybin), § 24.10.

Attorney General Opinions. Law court of Ducktown not abolished, OAG 84-266 (9/21/84).

Confiscated firearms jurisdiction, OAG 85-023 (1/30/85).

(c) The district attorneys general of the judicial districts comprising the urban counties of Shelby, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox and Sullivan, shall retain their present number of assistant district attorneys general, except that on September 1, 1985, and on each successive September 1 through 1990, one (1) additional assistant district attorney general position shall be created, and assigned to the urban district then having the highest ratio of population to assistant district attorneys general. On August 1, 1985, through August 1, 1990, the office of local government of the state comptroller's office shall determine which of the five (5) urban judicial districts listed above has the highest ratio of population to assistant district attorney general positions. The office of local government shall notify the executive secretary of the district attorneys general conference who shall notify the district attorney general of the district with the highest ratio that effective September 1, of that year he is entitled to employ one (1) additional assistant district attorney general.

(d) The district attorney general of any judicial district in which an assistant district attorney general position is created by this part shall appoint a suitable person to serve as assistant district attorney general. The person so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the district attorney general, and shall perform such duties as the district attorney general may require. Each person so appointed shall be compensated as provided for by general law.

(e) Except for the assistant district attorney general position created annually by subsection (c) of this section and those created when, pursuant to § 16-2-506, an additional trial court judge is elected in 1986, 1988, or 1990, the number of such assistant positions set out in § 16-2-506 shall be the total number of positions to which the corresponding district attorney general is entitled and nothing in this section shall be construed as creating any assistant positions in excess of such number.

(f)(1) The district attorney general for the first, fifth, fifteenth, seventeenth, nineteenth, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth districts shall appoint a suitable person to the position of criminal investigator. The person so appointed shall perform such duties as the district attorney general may direct, and he shall serve at the pleasure of the district attorney general.

(2) In carrying out the duties of his office, each of the criminal investigators created by chapter 813 of the Public Acts of 1986 shall possess the same power and authority as deputies of the county sheriffs. The compensation of such investigators shall be as provided by general law. [Acts 1984, ch. 931, § 8; 1986, ch. 813, §§ 2, 3.]

Compiler's Notes. Acts 1986, ch. 813 created criminal investigator positions in the 1st, 5th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th judicial districts.

Amendments. The 1986 amendment added (f).

Effective Dates. Acts 1986, ch. 813, § 4. July 1, 1986.

Cross-References. Criminal investigators and assistant district attorneys general, compensation, § 8-7-201 et seq.

District attorneys general, § 8-7-101 et seq.