

**PRIVATE ACTS, 1999**

**CHAPTER NO. 56**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1974**

**By Representative Kerr**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1967**

**By Senator Clabough**

AN ACT relative to litigation tax and funding for the Blount County Drug Court Program.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to any other litigation tax imposed by Blount County, there is imposed an additional thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) litigation tax on each criminal case filed in General Sessions and Circuit Court for the funding of the Blount County Drug Court and the operations of the Blount County Justice Center.

SECTION 2. The first fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the litigation tax imposed in Section 1 shall be deposited in a Blount County Special Revenue Fund for the use of funding the Blount County Drug Court Program. Any fund balance remaining in said fund shall be reviewed annually to determine the amounts to be used for the Drug Court Program, with the exception of the first year of which the entire amount collected of the said first fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of tax will be used solely for the Drug Court Program.

SECTION 3. The remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the litigation tax imposed in Section 1 shall be deposited into the Blount County General Fund to offset the costs of operations of the new Blount County Justice Center.

SECTION 4. If the Blount County Drug Court ceases operation, the litigation tax imposed in Section 1 and any fund balance in the Special Revenue Fund will be placed in the General County Fund to offset the costs of operations of the new Blount County Justice Center.

SECTION 5. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Body of Blount County. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the Presiding Officer of the Board of Commissioners of Blount County and certified to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 6. 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 5.

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PASSED: May 27, 1999

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this            day of            1999

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DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had House Bill No. 1974 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.