

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS READ BY JUDGE THOMAS:

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE STATE ASSUMING THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is among the minority of States requiring a financial contribution from its counties for the operation of the Welfare Program; and

WHEREAS, in all states requiring county financial contributions the counties administer the welfare programs under state supervision; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is the only state that pretends to have a dual administration, that is, Tennessee is the only state having a state-administered program requiring any action on the part of the counties; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Counties have no source of revenue to meet the rising cost of government, including welfare, other than ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, most, if not all, of Tennessee Counties have reached the point in taxation, beyond which an increase in ad valorem taxes will be confiscatory; and

WHEREAS, the number of counties which cannot finance the Welfare Program from the general fund is growing each year, and that in 1955, twenty nine (29) counties had all or a part of the Welfare costs withheld from the gasoline tax money ear-marked for County roads; and

WHEREAS, as the cost of the welfare increases all counties are in danger of having the welfare requirements withheld from county road funds; and

WHEREAS, Weakley County will be relieved of this expensive program if the State of Tennessee will assume the entire obligation and administration of the Welfare Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Quarterly Court of Weakley County declare itself in favor of legislation relieving counties of financial contributions to the Welfare Program, which will amount to \$35,564.00 per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That our State Representatives and State Senators be notified of this action, and further, that they be urged to support legislation necessary to carry out these stated purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Court, and that a copy be sent to the Legislative Council, the local Press, and the Tennessee County Services Association.

Motion made by Esq. M.A. Miles to adopt this resolution, seconded by Esq. C. R. Reams. Unanimously adopted.
