

RESOLUTION NO. 67

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PLACING THE TAX BURDEN FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS SYSTEM ON THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA THEREBY INCREASING THE TAX BURDEN OF THE CITIZENS AND URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR SUCH SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida that in order for the State to provide public defenders for indigent persons charged with the commission of a crime, that it is proposed that such burden be borne by the several counties, and

WHEREAS, under the law of the land it is provided that such offenders are entitled to be represented at public expense, and

WHEREAS, in order that the public defenders office in Nassau County might continue to provide services to people charged with a crime who are financially unable to pay for counsel, and

WHEREAS, it is this commission's belief that the costs of maintaining this service should properly be borne by the State of Florida, rather than by the individual counties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA:

That this Commission urgently recommends that the costs of the public defenders system be provided for through funds appropriated by the State Legislature rather than such costs being imposed upon the individual counties of Florida, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Florida Legislature with a request that the necessary appropriation be enacted providing for the payment of the costs of the public defenders system by the State of Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be directed to Mr. Louis O. Frost, Jr., President of the Public Defenders Association.

ADOPTED this 4th day of October, 1971.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

By John F. Armstrong, Jr.
Its Chairman

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Ex-Officio Clerk